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PREFACE

HOW ONE MAY KNOW CHRIST

Christ Jesus, present in the Holy Spirit, is creating a constituency of believers who know Him experientially, and have assurance of His presence. Whoever will comply with the necessary conditions may become a member of this constituency, and serve Him in establishing His earthly Kingdom and dominion. Union with Christ is the only way to true spiritual consciousness, highest attainment, greatest efficiency, pure happiness and eternal Life.

Christ reveals the fact that man was originally created a spirit-being, with awareness of God and of things spiritual; also that, through individual and race sin, mankind lost spiritual consciousness, and became submerged in a sensuous, physicalized consciousness. This state still obtains. Wherefore, the natural man is unconscious of God and of spiritual realities, and dominated by awareness of physical nature and the creaturely self. No one can have a true understanding of self, or cooperate intelligently with God, until delivered from this debasing, betraying, false consciousness.

The Son of God became incarnate as Jesus the Christ, that He might redeem man from the fallen state, regenerate the human spirit, indwell

it by the Holy Spirit, and thereby give regenerate man spiritual Life and consciousness. Every normal person is given the capacity to experience regeneration, and the subsequent works of grace necessary for realizing Christ's indwelling presence. The early Christians were Spirit-filled and Spirit-taught, illumined and inspired; that they might conform to the will, and serve in accomplishing the works of Christ. So should it be with all Christians in these days of His preparation.

To get the most from the teaching given in this book, one should first know the Great Teacher experientially. He clarifies perception and illumines understanding; without which, much of His teaching cannot be perceived. Wherefore, the purpose of this preface is to tell you, Reader, in a personal way, how you may know Him, and share His Divine, eternal Life, virtues and gifts.

THE FOUR-FOLD MYSTERY

To cooperate with Christ, you should first understand the four-fold mystery of His manifestations. You will recall that Jesus said: "I am from above", "I came down out of Heaven", "I came to do the will of Him that sent Me", "I am come that they might have Life", "I am the resurrection and the Life", "I am the Vine, ye are the branches", "He that abideth in Me beareth much fruit", "I and the Father are one", "I am in the Father, and ye in Me, and I in you". (1) The eternal Son, becoming incarnate, primarily by generation, as Son of God and son of man,

was the beginning, and means of producing and perfecting, a new, Divine-human race—sons of God. (2) The Son on the Cross accomplished man's redemption and justification, and made provision for destroying sin, and giving His eternal Life to all who accept Him as their personal Saviour. (3) The Son in Heaven is our High Priest and Intermediary, through whom we have access to the Father, and receive forgiveness of sin, faith, grace, regeneration, and the Holy Spirit. (4) The Son, indwelling us in the Holy Spirit, becomes our Divine, eternal Life; our purity, wisdom, righteousness, peace and overcoming power; and our oneness with the Father.

YOU MUST BE SPIRIT-BORN

"All have sinned". "The wage of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal Life, through Jesus Christ". "He that hath the Son hath the Life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the Life". Getting rid of sin and the sinful nature, though imperative, is not the goal of Christianity; but a necessary means to experiencing regeneration and Christ's indwelling presence. Reformation does not take the place of regeneration and transformation by the Spirit's operations. Regeneration is as necessary for a moral person as for an immoral person. Christ comes to you first as Saviour. Through His vicarious atonement a work was accomplished, in the spiritual Kingdom, that made possible man's experiencing deliverance from sin, and, through regeneration, receiving the gift of Divine, eternal

Life. Christ must be accepted as Saviour for one to become a beneficiary of this finished work.

Christ knows you better than you know yourself. He sees in your soul, not only your innate tendencies, good and evil, but the detailed record of your life. Do not try to conceal, justify, or evade anything. Unbelief and self-righteousness, persisted in, will separate any soul from Christ for time and eternity. When you frankly confess your sins, turn from your old sinful nature, and accept Christ as your Saviour, you make possible the Spirit's operation, whereby you experience forgiveness, and cleansing from guilt. This accomplished, the Holy Spirit generates a center of Divine Life in union with your spirit. The Divine Life-flow from this center vitalizes your soul. The union of this Divine Life with your life makes you a Divine-human spirit-being. Thus God and man are made one in Life and substance, even as Christ's Divine-human nature were one.

ABIDING IN CHRIST

"If any man is in Christ, he is a NEW CREATION; old things have passed away; all things have become new; and these new are of God." Accept the fact in faith; rejoice in it. A newly born cell has its life, strength and characteristics from the life of the body that gives it birth. Your regenerate spirit-self is a newly born cell in the Body of Christ. You live the Christ-Life and share its characteristics. Apart from Christ you have nothing that is distinctly Christian; but in Christ you share all that is His.

Now, to live in Christ; to continue to partake of His Life, and grow spiritually, you must receive the Holy Spirit, in Whom Christ comes to abide in the new creation. He comes to teach you how to live as a child of God. He comes to manifest the Divine nature, virtues and gifts in union with your spirit. Christ has overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. He comes in the Holy Spirit to make you an overcomer. You cannot overcome any of these in your own strength, any more than you can live the Christ-Life apart from vital oneness with Him. Wherefore, give Him yourself, your personality and your future. Consecrate your whole heart, all your affections, mind and will, to His use. You should not expect Him to come in on any other terms, or to abide under any other conditions. If He is to change your personality and use it to express His Life and nature, He must have dominion; not by compulsion, but by your persistent choice, love and devotion. The measure of your cooperation will determine your progress.

This surrender and consecration is not only necessary to receiving Christ, and having Him abide; it must be continuous for the unhindered expression of His personality. As long as duality obtains, there will be discord and lapses into the old selfhood. If you are going to live as a child of God, then you must cooperate with the Holy Spirit in putting off self and in putting on Christ. If He is to increase, self must decrease. If you love your own life more than Christ, then you are not ready to become an in-Christed personality. If you are willing to put self away;

then Christ will become manifest, and substitute His nature, virtues and gifts in you.

You cannot spiritualize yourself by any psychological or metaphysical practice. You grow spiritually by living in Divine Love and co-operating with Christ in manifesting His nature in righteous willing and doing. He is spiritual, and all His activities serve to spiritualize the personality that gives Him expression.

You can claim no Christian virtue or gifts apart from Christ any more than an electric burner can claim power of illumination apart from the current. All Christian graces and gifts are Christ's expressions. Wherefore, the most advanced soul has nothing of which to boast; rather does he rejoice in the nothingness of self, and the victory of Christ.

Mankind is cursed with excessive ego-consciousness. This condition is a product of the age-long separation of the race from conscious oneness with God. Ego-culture is of the devil. Satan, once an archangel, believed in himself, in his wisdom, beauty and power, as his own apart from God. This false sense of possession and resultant pride caused him to exalt himself above the Son of God, and rebel against Divine authority; for which he was cast out of Heaven. He inspires this fallacy in mankind. Belief in self and in self-righteousness apart from God separates one from Divine power and gifts. A wise Christian trusts the presence and power of Christ within. Jesus the Christ, beside whom all other men are as dwarfs, was the least self-assertive personality that ever trod the earth. He

knew, and frankly declared the truth, that of Himself he could do nothing. This selflessness made possible the free expression of God in and through Him. In Him is revealed the truth and the right spiritual attitude for cooperating with Him in righteous living and effective effort.

As a member of Christ's Body, you have no use or excuse for the old sin-self, any more than a waif-child that has been adopted into a wealthy family has use for its old ragged clothes. You are a child of the King, adopted into the royal family. You are a joint-heir with the Son of God. Wherefore, in the Name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, cast off the old sin-self; *reckon it dead*. By faith keep it in the place of death. It is the enemy of Christ, the servant of sin, which ever seeks to betray your soul. If you compromise with it, it will regain its power, seduce and defile you. Destroy it by the power of the Spirit as you would destroy a venomous serpent.

WORK BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH

"By grace are ye saved, through faith". *This is a continuous process*. Divine grace consists of two parts, provision and power:

God's *provision of grace* includes your redemption by Christ's vicarious atonement, your regeneration, spiritualization and fullness of Divine Life. The Holy Spirit is with you to make the gifts of God effective in you. It is provided in God's will, sealed by the Blood of His Son, that you share Christ's Life, nature and victory; that you may become a living witness of the efficacy

of His atonement and the transforming power of His grace.

The *power of grace* is a spiritual, vital energy, made manifest in your heart by the Holy Spirit, which enables you to choose and to do God's will. Grace-power is available to every believing heart at all times. It is sufficient moment by moment for the immediate need. By grace, through faith you can overcome temptations and progress spiritually. The law is: ASK in Jesus' Name; ACCEPT in faith; ACT with assurance, trusting God; and grace-power for any immediate need will become manifest. Prove it. Apply it; and you will never lack power to do righteously.

DEPEND ON THE BLOOD

The Blood is the life. This is true of every form of life, natural and spiritual. As a member of Christ's spiritual Body, you partake of His spiritual Life-Blood, which proceeds from the spiritual heart. This spiritual Blood heals, cleanses from sin day by day, and vitalizes the soul. Apart from Christ you cannot have Divine Life, or anything that is Christ's. But in Him, as branch in Vine; and He in you, as Life and substance of your new nature, you share all that is His. *Depend absolutely upon Christ's sacrificial Blood for your forgiveness and deliverance from sin and evil, and upon His spiritual Blood manifest in you for Divine Life and strength.*

REALIZE CHRIST'S FULLNESS

To realize is to make real. All that is revealed in Jesus Christ is yours in the purpose and pro-

vision of God; yours by regeneration and the Holy Spirit's indwelling; yours as a member of Christ's Body, vitalized by His Life. Of His fullness have you received; wherefore, when there is temptation, or expression of the old nature, face the fact: the evil is no part of your new nature in Christ. Confess it to God; condemn it; despise it, no matter what its claim; bring it to the foot of the Cross; accept deliverance from it under the efficacy of Christ's sacrificial Blood. Accept in gratitude the opposite virtue as yours in Christ. In faith declare this as the reality. Praise God for it. *Rejoice in it until it becomes real to your consciousness.* Repeat the demonstration every time the evil appears in consciousness, until the opposite virtue that is yours in Christ becomes dominant. Do this, not for your self; but that Christ may be glorified in realizing His victory in and through you, and you changed to represent His fullness.

PRACTICE REALIZING DAILY. Make it the means of loyalty to Christ, higher living and greater achievement. Is there worry? Put it away and realize Christ's peace. Is there discouragement? Destroy it by realizing Christ's faith and courage. Is there weakness? Realize Christ's strength. Overcome each form of evil with the opposite good. Begin each demonstration by cooperating in faith with the Holy Spirit; that Christ may be glorified. Begin by realizing that you are not a creature of flesh, appetite and desire; but that you are a spirit-being, and that all your powers are spiritual. Second, realize that whatever is not of Christ is no part of the new creation that

you are in Him. Third, realize that the physical consciousness and creaturely nature are subject to and serve you, and are dependent upon you. Following this order, and working by grace, through faith, you can realize victory over every phase of the old self, and experience Christ's substitution in every function and element of mind and character. Realize daily Christ's peace, heart-purity and perfect Love. These are necessary to illumination and God-consciousness. *Impurity will keep any soul in spiritual darkness and physicalized consciousness.**

Finally, realize Christ's charitable, beneficent, forgiving spirit. You cannot be one with the heart of the Saviour until you share His compassion for suffering, sinning mankind. No one practice will so enrich your soul with super-human gifts as becoming one with the Master in mercy, forbearance and pity for those enslaved by Satan.

WORK WITH CHRIST

Christ is engaged in a world-wide enterprise of preparing mankind for His Kingdom on earth. To be one with Him in motive, purpose and action, you must forget your little, personal problems and desires; *catch His stride*; walk with Him; talk with Him; that you may know your part in His program. Be ready and willing to sacrifice all for Him. Be yoked with Him *in the pull* for a real Christian civilization.

* For help in realizing Christ's purity study the Spirit's teaching published in "The New Man", listed with the Riddell Books.

The Master said: "My Father worketh until now, and I work". There are no drones in Christ's Kingdom. Only by persistent practice does one become proficient in cooperating with Christ in experiencing His gifts and in accomplishing His purposes. Millions are weaklings, or ever ailing; because they do not obey the laws of health. Likewise, millions of believers are spiritual weaklings, or ever in need; because they do not receive the Bread of Life, or work with Christ in experiencing His gifts. If a man will not pray and give thanks; will not love and forgive; will not serve with joy, and rejoice in the welfare and success of others; will not contribute to Christ's world enterprise; he cannot partake of Christ's abundance. *Every form of selfishness separates one from spiritual supply.* Every thought, impulse and purpose that is unlike Christ hinders effective cooperation with Him.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PRESENCE

Recognize Christ's presence with you, in you, at all times. Love Him with your whole heart, mind and strength. This is your means to faith, grace, trust, effective prayer, communion, conscious oneness with God in Christ. *Devote a few minutes each day exclusively to Him.* Be mentally still; wait in love. Contemplate what Christ is—a pure, perfect, positive, spiritual personality, full of grace and truth, love, wisdom and righteousness. What He is, He wants to express through you; that you may be transformed into His image and instrument of service.

Study the Scriptures that Christ may teach you through them. Pray daily for His fullness in the various attributes of mind and character. Praise Him for manifesting the gifts needed. SERVE HIM IN WINNING OTHERS TO THE KINGDOM. Do all things for His glory; and soon you will KNOW His abiding presence, and be immeasurably enriched in mind and character.

Whoever will follow the teaching given in this preface will become regenerate, receive the Holy Spirit, experience progressive works of grace, come to spiritual consciousness and have assurance of oneness with Jesus Christ.

CHRIST'S TEACHING ON CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

LESSON I.

GOD AND SPIRITUAL REALITIES

INTRODUCTION

1. Christ Jesus, present in the Holy Spirit, is meeting a world crisis in education and Christianity. He is teaching superhuman knowledge needed to enable mankind to know Him experientially and become one with Him in Life, motive, purpose, action and achievement.

2. Christ teaches out of an all-inclusive knowledge. As the Eternal Son, by Whom all things were made, He knows every law, force, principle, process, cause and result in the universe. He explains whatever is essential to His purposes. Beginning with the manifestations of God as primal Cause, Christ explains the creation of the spiritual universe, and how its laws and forces produce and sustain the physical universe. He interprets all things in nature in relation to their spiritual causes.

3. Christ illumines perception and understand-

ing of things spiritual and natural. Speaking by the inner voice, He dictates Truth as concisely as the most exact science teacher. He experiences in a disciple's consciousness what cannot be communicated by words or symbols. He answers all questions necessary to a right understanding of His teaching.

4. An astronomer asserts facts known only to the few. But whoever will make the necessary observations and reckonings may prove these facts. The facts, not the astronomer, are the ultimate authority. Likewise, Christ explains Truth unknown to mankind. But whoever will meet the necessary conditions may know Him as an indwelling presence, and by His manifestation perceive the Truth that He has revealed. The facts become the proof.

CHRIST AND THE CRISIS

5. The primal revelation of God to man included not only a knowledge of the planets and their motion, but also of their relationships and influences over one another. During man's spiritual darkness resulting from sin, most of mankind came to believe that the earth was flat, and that the sun and moon traveled about it. This belief resulted in many false conclusions. Likewise, modern science, beginning with physical nature, ignoring spiritual causes, has arrived at many wrong conclusions concerning creation

and the origin of life and species. These wrong conclusions have become a part of education, resulting in false thinking, ideals and conduct.

6. The modern mind is egotistical in its tendency to assume that every new discovery is an acquisition of knowledge never before possessed by the human race. Job knew the constellations and the movements of the planets; knew about Arcturus, "the runaway star", the marvel of modern astronomy. The builder of the Great Pyramid had knowledge that enabled him to predict the principal coming events concerning Israel for the succeeding 4000 years. History has vindicated the accuracy of these predictions. The ancient Egyptians and Hindoos had knowledge of psychological laws and forces far beyond that of modern psychologists. The ancient Prophets talked with God.

7. The history of the human race has been one of recurring cycles in which God-given ideals and illumination have become embodied, giving capacity and impetus to forward movements in knowledge and its application to human needs. By the abuse of knowledge and powers attained, much that was gained in each cycle was lost in a downward curve of mental and moral darkness. Each cycle has varied in character and achievements from every other; but there has

been no continuous line of ascent in any direction.

8. The present cycle began with the selection of God's chosen people. Its ideals were first expressed in moral laws. Later, they were embodied in the personality of Jesus Christ, Who became the means of producing His type in those who would receive His provision of deliverance from the old law of sin and death, and accept His gift of Divine, eternal Life. The upward curve of the Christian era and its advance in knowledge and in moral ideals have been made possible largely through this gift of God. This cycle will terminate with the long foretold battle of Armageddon and the destruction of the evil that is now accumulating, not from ignorance, but from abuse of God-given knowledge.

9. In ages past, mankind has been betrayed by appetite and desire; by greed for wealth, power, or fame; by false or incompetent leaders; but it has remained for the twentieth century to produce a false teaching that is betraying scholars, destroying faith in God, and undermining the principles of Christian civilization.

10. Knowledge, divorced from love to God and man, serves evil as well as good. The same is true of wealth and power. Let no one suppose that Godless culture, great riches, civil and military power, can produce righteousness or per-

petuate peace and prosperity. Whatever is contrary to the law of Love is harmful. Whatever destroys faith in God tends to separate man from the Source of all good, and fosters the forces of destruction.

11. American ideals were born of Christian experience. Without this experience, these ideals cannot be maintained. America is producing millions of citizens who reject Divine authority and Christian teaching. A government of the people, for the people, by the people, can endure only as long as the majority of its citizens are dominantly righteous.

12. Christ is meeting this crisis by revealing Truth needed to correct current fallacies, inspire faith in God, and vindicate vital Christianity. His challenge to this age is not simply, "Believe," but, "Do as I teach, and you will come to know Me, perceive the Truth I reveal, and experience the spiritual, eternal Life."

LIMITATIONS OF SCIENCE

13. Science is proven Truth, experimental and experiential knowledge; a working law, or principle, by the application of which a predetermined, uniform result is obtained. Science is achieving wonderful victories over nature. It is largely determining the thinking of educated people. It is fast becoming the ultimate authority, and main means to material progress. But

science should not be confounded with unproven theories, or with philosophical speculations that misinterpret the facts of nature.

14. Superficial thinkers who know not God have attempted to account for nature without conceding the *supernatural*. Multitudes, deceived by this sophistry, have come to suppose that science explains everything; that there is no God, and no need of God; that physical laws and forces, of unknown origin, working by evolutionary processes through millions of years, have produced everything in the universe, from the electron to man, from sensation to Christianity.

15. Every real scientist knows that science begins with observed facts, and works from the known to discover the unknown. Science is still experimenting in the realm of secondary causes and effects. It reveals nothing primal or ultimate. Thus, science does not explain the first principles of astronomy; of physics; of chemistry; of biology; of physiology; or of psychology; because the first principles and causes of all these are spiritual, and therefore beyond the range of material demonstration.

16. Ask the most advanced materialistic scientist the following questions:—

(a) Can you tell us anything about God, or His multiple manifestations? No!

(b) Can you tell us anything about primal causes, spiritual realities, laws and forces? No!

(c) Can you tell us how spiritual laws and forces produce and sustain physical laws and forces? No!

(d) You tell us of many vast, stellar systems, each including millions of suns and satellites. But do you know how they were caused, or why they behave as they do? No!

(e) You tell us that ether exists. But do you know how the primordial ether was originally converted into units of energy and electrons? No!

(f) You tell us that atoms are composed of a nucleus and revolving electrons. But do you know what gives to the several kinds of atoms their specific gravity, affinity, and combining properties? No!

(g) You tell us of the laws of electricity, chemical affinity and gravitation. But do you know what electricity is, what chemical affinity is, what gravitation is? No!

(h) You tell us much about the behaviour of life in its many forms. But do you know what LIFE is, how it came to exist, or how primal types were created? No!

(i) You tell us that every observed form of life begins as a germ-cell. But do you know how the original germ-cells were produced? No!

(j) You tell us that functions and organs develop from germ-cells. But do you know how and why each germ-cell produces an organism after its kind? No!

(k) You tell us that all related species resemble one another. But do you know why unrelated species have like characteristics? No!

(l) You tell us that physical man resembles the higher animals anatomically, physiologically and psychologically. But do you know how spiritual man was created, and why he has a higher form of intelligence, and moral and religious elements never manifest in animals? No!

(m) You tell us much about instinct and mental processes. But do you know the origin and nature of instinctive intelligence and mental faculties? No!

(n) You tell us that throughout the whole universe is law, order, system, motion and constant, orderly change. But do you know from whence, how, or why this cosmic manifestation is produced and sustained? No!

17. This brief examination is neither sarcasm nor adverse criticism. It is designed to reveal some of the limitations of present-day science, and why super-human knowledge is needed at this time to protect scientists from arriving at false conclusions. Christ knows the answer to all these, and related, questions. He yearns to

share all that is His with mankind. Reader, you cannot know the measure of Divine Love; but if you ever loved a child, a friend, or a companion, with all your heart, and then had to see this loved one betrayed into wrong ideals and conduct, you can understand something of Christ's yearning desire to teach, persuade, and save those who will receive His message.

THE SUPREME BEING

18. This lesson will include part of Christ's teaching relating to God as the First Great Cause; His manifestations; and the spiritual universe. Since God is the primal Cause of all things, spiritual and natural, knowledge of God is the beginning of all true science, philosophy and religion.

19. God the Eternal Spirit, manifest as the Supreme Being, is over all, through all, primal Cause and continual Sustainer of all; yet transcends all, and is the ONE persistent Reality of the spiritual universe, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.*

20. God the infinite, indivisible ONE comes into manifestation in many generative centers

* God is not limited as to form or action, but assumes any form or function according to His purposes. For a fuller explanation of the science of Being, the character and works of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, see Lessons II, III and IV of the Textbook, Vital Christianity.

of activity simultaneously, each of which is a Throne-center. A generative center may be as vast as that which causes and controls one of the great stellar systems, or as small as that which controls the least of the solar systems.

21. Each center of Divine manifestation, great or small, expresses not only the constant, changeless laws and forces of Being; but Love, Will and Intelligence manifest in conscious, self-determining motive, purpose and action; in other words, the principles and attributes of Divine personality.

22. As a man's spirit is *one*, and this one is manifest in millions of gangleonic nerve-cells, from each of which proceed vital energies that perform specific functions; so GOD is manifest in millions of generative centers of activity, each of which is a center of vital energy and serves its purpose in Divine processes. All such God-centers are vitally related as expressions of the ONE indivisible BEING.

23. In every cosmic center of Divine manifestation are two forms of activity, which correspond, in a way, to the involuntary and the voluntary activities in man. The involuntary activities of man produce and sustain the permanent, vital functions of respiration, digestion, circulation, etc. The voluntary activities control thought, purpose and conduct. Likewise, God

has persistent, changeless manifestations, which cause the changeless spiritual laws, forces and movements of the universe; also voluntary manifestations, which express His personal Love, Choice, Will, Purpose and Action. The former is the source of God's all-providence, and of changeless natural laws and forces; the latter is the source of God's special providence and personal ministry.

24. In all celestial Throne-centers, God manifests three great functions: generative activities; creative activities; and ministrative activities. Each of these is constant, and is an expression of Divine Personality. In Christ's revelation, God manifest in generative activity is spoken of as God the Father; because the Source and Primal Cause of all. God in creative activity is spoken of as the Eternal Son, or "Word", by Whom and through Whom all things were made. God in ministrative activity is spoken of as the Holy Ghost, by Whom God is present with, and works within, His creations. These three personal offices of the ONE are vitally related; All are present in Each.

25. God the Eternal Son became incarnate that He might redeem fallen mankind. His incarnation was accomplished primarily by the Holy Ghost's assembling, by DIVINE FIAT, the God germinal units of Life in conjunction with the human

germinal units of life "chosen to serve Him". This conjunction resulted in the inception of a Divine-human being, who combined in one the constitutional qualities of God and of man. This "new creation" became the "new Adam", or beginning, of the new Divine-human race. When the Holy Ghost came upon and empowered the incarnate Son, He, as Jesus the Christ, became the Saviour, the Way, the Truth and the Life of the new Divine-human race, who are the constituency of His spiritual Kingdom.

GOD, FORCE AND MOTION

26. "In the beginning, God". As a candle flame is a continuous beginning and sustaining cause of radiant heat and light energies; so a center of Divine manifestation is the continuous beginning and sustaining Cause of radiant spiritual energies, which are the primal causes of all created laws and forces, spiritual and natural.

27. Christ teaches that God is both manifest and unmanifest, active and passive simultaneously, and that these two states are ever alternating in the various centers of the limitless spiritual universe. Everyone is familiar with the passive and active states of grain. In the passive state, the dry germ of life sleeps, as inanimate as a pebble. When awakened by moisture and heat, the chemical and vital energies begin to work, and all is activity, multiplication

of cells, growth, reproduction of kind, maturing of the new grain; then all is quiet. Likewise, after a period of inaction, God becomes manifest in a germinal center. The awakening Divine Life-units, becoming polarized, form two centers, positive and negative. Later, a cross-polarization takes place, represented by a +, which is the sign of spiritual generation. Latent spirit life-units drawn into this center of generation are energized, and, becoming polarized, add their energy to that of the manifesting center. The combined manifestation of the energies results in two primal, perpetual modes of motion, viz: a radiant, centrifugal and centripetal form, and a rotating, whirling form.

28. As a center of Divine manifestation increases in size, there is corresponding increase in power and complexity of energies and modes of motion. New centers of polarity are formed within, resulting in new lines of energy-activities. In course of time, an inconceivable number and variety of centers are formed, in and through which the multiplicity of impulses and attributes of Being are expressed.

29. Each cosmic center of Divine manifestation is within a vast spirit-ellipse, which corresponds to the envelope of a cell. As manifestation comes forth in expression, spiritual laws and forces proceed from the manifesting center,

as life-energies proceed from the nucleus of a cell, and produce their equivalents in the spirit-ellipse. When manifestation ceases, effects cease, and Being in that center is withdrawn from action to inaction, awaiting another period of manifestation.

30. Each such period of action and return to inaction is incomprehensible in duration, and to all finite thought is equivalent to eternity. But in God it is *an age*, so fixed, so orderly, so related to other centers of manifestation and other ages as to constitute a part of the Life of Being as definitely and vitally as birth, life, functional activity, decline and death of a cell in a living organism. All centers of Being are vitally related as expressions of the ONE indivisible, infinite I AM.

31. The foregoing reveals the fact that *motion is constitutional with God*. It begins with the beginning of manifestation, gradually increases to a maximum of power in each center, and ultimately declines to cessation, when a cycle is complete.

32. Divine energy and motion produce three primary forms of cosmic motion: radiant, rotary and spiral. The radiant, or centrifugal and centripetal motion causes continual lines of force through a cosmic center of manifestation. The rotary, or whirling, motion causes a vortex of

energy and activity in every center of manifestation. This whirling vortex is creative of its equivalent in the spirit-universe, and is the primal cause of the rotation of planets. The spiral motion results from the combined action of the radiant and the rotary forms. The combination of the three produces the varied complex movements that obtain throughout the whole spiritual universe.

33. All energies proceeding from God are primarily vibratory in character. The wavelengths and their combining laws correspond to those in physical nature; but their rate of vibration is two octaves higher, the psychical plane of nature constituting the intermediate octave. All Divine attributes, activities and achievements result primarily from, and are the expressions of, various forms of vibration. The whole spiritual, psychical and physical universe of life and substance is keyed down from, produced and controlled by, the vibratory activities of BEING.

THE SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE

34. Christ teaches that the universe is essentially and substantially spiritual; that all primal causes, laws and forces are spiritual; also that all creative processes, and that which is created, are primarily spiritual, and that God is Cause and Sustainer of ALL.

35. Again, Christ teaches that the physical

cosmos, with its vast stellar centers, its millions of suns, systems and planets, and all the physical phenomena of law and energy, life, matter and organism, are created, objectified effects of corresponding spiritual realities, laws and forces.

36. As the spirit of a man is one essence, yet this one is wrought into forms and functions that give expression to all his energies, activities, attributes of mind and character, individuality and personality; so the spiritual universe, the substantial Body of God, is not only animate with Deity, but is wrought into forms, currents, centers of manifestation, expressions of radiant Life, Light and Power that constitute and express the Love, Will and Intelligence, attributes, personality and purposes, of DEITY.

37. As a human ego separated from its creaturely, physical body is complete, and continues to manifest all the qualities and attributes, character and peculiarities, of the individual; so God, transcendent of all creation, and of the life and matter of nature, is complete in Himself, manifesting and expressing all the qualities, functions, attributes and character of the Supreme Being.

38. As spirit-man is complete when his physical body has been destroyed; so, if all nature was blotted out, God would be neither less nor more. God's completeness transcends all His creations. Present physical conditions and the

various orders of life that constitute nature are not expressions of God and do not represent Divine ideals.

39. Christ reveals the spiritual universe as one vast, radiant, shimmering, glowing, vibrating, multicellular structure; animate with Life and pulsating with power that proceed from and express Divine Love, Will and Intelligence.

40. As cells are the units of all living organisms; so systems like the solar system to which the earth belongs are the units of both the spiritual and the physical aspects of the universe,—the cosmic organism.

41. As related cells form tissues that constitute parts of the structure of a living organism, which parts perform their functions in connection with other parts to constitute the whole; so clusters of stars and systems are related to other clusters, forming stellar systems, which stellar systems are connected, and constitute the spiritual universe, or Body of God.

42. As suggested in the statements concerning God, the motion of each stellar system is produced and controlled from a supreme Throne-center, and each such Throne is a generative center, from which proceed the spiritual laws and energies that produce, sustain and control the system.

43. Likewise, each individual system, such as

our solar system, has a Throne-center, from which proceed the laws and forces that produce and control the spiritual realities of the system. All of these millions of centers of Divine manifestation are expressions of the ONE indivisible Being.

44. Each solar system, or unit of the spiritual universe, consists of a vast, non-rotating ellipse, which corresponds to the envelope of a cell. Within each of these spirit-cells is one big rotating spirit-sphere, which is the archetype and spiritual reality of a sun. (Some systems contain two or more suns.)

45. Each of these archetypal suns has one or more smaller spirit-spheres, or archetypal planets, which travel in orbits around it, within the vast ellipse. These vast spirit-cells that constitute the houses of solar systems vary in size and duration. They travel at various rates of speed and have widely different courses.

46. The essential facts to keep in mind from this brief study are:

First, that God is the supreme Fact and Reality of the universe, the primal Cause and Sustainer of all things spiritual and natural.

Second, that both energy and motion inhere in Divine manifestation, and by the law of vibration and the several modes of motion produce and control all things spiritual and natural.

Third, that God is not an intelligent energy, or an impersonal principle; but a Being, Who, in all His manifestations, expresses all the attributes and characteristics of Divine personality.

Fourth, that God's persistent, changeless manifestations are the causes of the changeless laws and modes of motion in both the spiritual and the natural kingdoms; and that God in His purposeful manifestations becomes the loving Father, Saviour and personal Holy Ghost.

Fifth, that, while God transcends all nature, and nature is no part of God, God is to nature what a man's spirit is to his body, the Cause and Controller of all primal laws and forces, all of which are good.*

Sixth, the spiritual universe consists of vast, related, stellar systems, which move about centers of Divine manifestation. Within these stellar systems are clusters of planetary systems that move about their common center of Divine manifestation. Each of these clusters consists of a number of individual solar systems. Each solar system consists of a vast, non-rotating

* Evil resulted primarily from the abuse of delegated power in created beings exercising free moral agency, and continues from the same cause. Persistence of evil in the presence of an all-wise, all-loving and all-powerful God is permitted that men may ultimately be delivered from evil and from its consequences as free moral agents.

spirit-elipse, which contains one or more big, rotating spirit-spheres attended by one or more smaller spirit-spheres.

Finally, these spirit-spheres, great and small, are the archetypes and means of creating and sustaining corresponding physical systems and planets. Thus it will be seen that instead of nature being the cause of creation, it is only the objectified physical effect of super-physical realities that have their Source and sustaining Cause in God.

LESSON II.

CREATION OF NATURE

INTRODUCTION

47. Every normal person has the capacity, Grace-given, to become regenerate, and by co-operating with the Holy Spirit, to experience heart-purity and illumination. Whoever continues in spiritual consciousness will come to perceive spiritual realities, and be taught of God. Some persons have greater natural capacity for spiritual understanding and experience than others; but everyone who, by Grace, will put away self and live in Divine Love, can come to know Christ and share His eternal Life and gifts.

48. God works through every available means to assist mankind on the upward way from ignorance, poverty, sin, sickness and selfishness, to the enjoyment of all His gifts of things natural as well as things spiritual. All knowledge acquired by man and rightly used is precious to God as a means to human happiness and progress. All culture that makes men wise, true, righteous, beneficent and mutually helpful is given impetus by Divine energy. The science of working with God is the greatest of all sciences.

49. Christ's ministry as Saviour was not alone to save from spiritual death, and give Life for the Kingdom of Heaven; but also to prepare mankind to live as children of God in a Kingdom on earth, in which love is law and righteousness universal. Christ's teaching of super-human knowledge is not to supplant human knowledge and research with Divine revelation, but to supply a true understanding of the spiritual causes of natural phenomena; that the facts of science may be rightly interpreted and applied.

50. Science began with the physical side of nature. It is still working with physical laws and forces. It has not touched the soul, much less the spirit of the living, pulsating organism known as the solar system. Science gives no adequate explanation of the beginning, or sustaining cause of natural laws, forces, or modes of motion. Christ teaches how all physical things are effects of corresponding spiritual realities that originate in God; also how spiritual realities ultimately produce their equivalents in nature.

51. Science gives no explanation of the origin of the units of force and matter. Science begins its explanation of planets with clouds of fire-mist that are drawn into vortexes of force of unknown origin, gradually condensed and converted into suns. Christ teaches how these fiery gases are

produced; how vortexes are formed and suns and satellites created.

52. The discovery and application of the facts of science is enriching mankind with material comforts, powers and privileges. But wrong interpretation of facts, and abuse of powers and privileges, makes them destructive. Christ is not teaching what men know about nature, but what they should know about the spiritual causes of nature to rightly interpret its facts and co-operate with God in re-creating and spiritualizing the race, and in realizing His Kingdom on the earth.

53. If friends are to continue congenial, they must agree in things fundamental. Christ is the truest and most helpful of friends. His perfect understanding of one's nature, needs, longings and aspirations makes companionship with Him a constant delight and inspiration. Reader, if you do not understand or cannot agree with some things taught in this or succeeding lessons, be patient; suspend judgment; wait for more light; hold fast to the Great Teacher. His fellowship is worth more than your opinions. His leadership will eventually bring you to the Truth. Having Him, all else becomes available.

GOD AT WORK

54. To perceive and comprehend the truth about creative processes and the facts of nature,

one must see spiritual realities as primal causes, and all nature as secondary causes and their effects. Everything man has produced was first a mental creation, and all mind is spirit in source and character. Likewise, God's creations are first in and of spirit.

55. Scientists have not found spiritual causes. They have registered various chemical reactions from mental and emotional activities; but they have not found the idea or the emotion. Thus scientists have never found a poem in the brain of a poet, or a machine in the brain of an inventor. Surgeons have found schrapnel in the heart of a soldier, but they have never found the patriotism and courage that were the primal cause of his sacrificial death.

56. The fact to grasp is: that every physical force and phenomenon is an effect of a spiritual cause. Thus a motorist approaching a hill is conscious of the need for increased power. This consciousness is mental; but this mental energy is quickly converted into a psycho-physical energy, and he "steps on the gas", which releases purely physical energies that are expressed in motion. Likewise, God's spiritual activities are ever being converted into psychical and physical energies, which are expressed in vital processes and physical motion. The change of spiritual energy to psychical and physical energies is ac-

complished by the higher vibrations producing corresponding vibrations on the lower planes, in much the same way that a musical tone of a high octave produces its equivalent in lower octaves.

57. The sequences of spiritual laws and forces proceeding from God and becoming manifest in nature are fairly well illustrated by the relation between electric energy and the various forms of motion and mechanical processes it produces in a factory. The electric energy is the cause of all the turning of wheels and operation of machines; but there is no electricity in the machines. Likewise, while God is the constant Cause of physical laws and forces, they are no part of God, neither do they always accomplish His purposes. As electric energy may be used in a factory to produce instruments of industry and progress, or of war and destruction; so natural laws and forces may serve either good or evil. Wherefore, God as Cause is not responsible for the evils arising from the misuse of natural laws and forces, or for the effects of their conflicts in nature.

58. The fact of God at work in nature and in cosmic processes in no way conflicts with the fact of His personal manifestations. The subconscious, involuntary, vital and chemical processes constantly going on in a man's soul and

body are no less a part of human nature and personality than are the objective mental and volitional activities that determine choice and conduct. Likewise, God's persistent subjective, involuntary activities expressed in changeless spiritual laws and forces, which produce corresponding physical laws and forces, are no less a part of God's nature and personality than are the manifestations of the Father's love, the Saviour's Grace, or the Spirit's promptings.

SPIRIT, ETHER, MATTER

59. The primal reality of the universe has two states: unmanifest and manifest. Unmanifest, it is one substance, or principle; manifest, it becomes two,—primordial spirit and primordial ether. These two states are permanent throughout a cycle of manifestation. They are not convertible one into the other. Primordial spirit is positive, radiant, glowing, fiery, dynamic. Primordial ether is negative, dark, cold, silent, and motionless except as acted upon by spirit-energies.

60. Primordial spirit and primordial ether are co-existent as to time and extent. Both fill the universe. Think of a clear glass globe filled with equal parts of alcohol and water. Both are present in the smallest particle of the mixture, and in every part of the globe. Both retain their identity. They are not convertible one into the

other. Let the alcohol represent primordial spirit, and the water, primordial ether.

61. All life throughout the universe, both spiritual and natural, is created from spirit, is spirit; for spirit made manifest in units is life. All forms of matter in the universe are made from ether; for ether made manifest in units is matter. In other words, spirit is the principle of all life; for life is a manifestation of spirit. Ether is the substance of all matter; for matter is a chemicalized state of ether.

62. Vital energies and physical energies act and react upon each other; but life never becomes matter, and matter never becomes life. Physical energies serve their purpose in living organisms; but all life-energies are spirit in source and character. Chemical energies accomplish a definite work in all physical life-processes, from lowest to highest. Chemical processes are correlated with vital processes; but chemical energy is not life, or the cause of life.

CREATION OF PLANETS

63. God works by law, not chance. God does all things by design, purpose, choice, and the exact use of forces and means. God begins with desire; works with a purpose to fulfill the behests of Love; acts in accordance with unerring, unchanging lines of Truth, laws and forces with-

out deviation, making results uniform and inevitable.

The creation of physical suns and satellites is an orderly process of objectifying and physicalizing central portions of spirit planets. The following brief statement covers the essential facts, principles and processes:

64. In creating a system like our solar system a sun is first produced. God, coming into generative manifestation in the Throne-center of a system, produces spirit-heat. This spirit-heat in radiant expression is converted into spirit-light. This light-energy, communicated through spirit, striking the big rotating spirit-sphere, or archetypal sun, becomes focalized at its center, resulting in spirit-heat. This spirit-heat produces its equivalent of physical heat in the primordial ether at the center of the sphere, much in the same way that focalized sun-light produces heat. This spirit-heat converts the super-heated part of the spirit at the center of the sphere into spirit-units. At the same time the engendered physical heat converts the super-heated part of the ether into white-hot ether-bubbles. These units of spirit and of ether vary in size and energy content according to the degree of heat and pressure under which they were produced. Each contains units of energy of its kind equal to the energy that produced them.

65. By the continuation of the heat and rotary motion of the big spirit-sphere, or archetypal sun, a vast white-hot whirling vortex is produced at its center, into which volumes of spirit-units and ether-units are drawn. By condensation of these units and their conversion into atoms, elements and gases, the substance of a physical sun is produced at the center within the archetypal sun. The details of how this volume of spirit-units and ether-units are converted into atoms of various kinds, and how these are condensed to form a physical sun, will be explained later.

66. As indicated in the preceding lessons, a spirit planetary system is a living organism composed of as definitely, vitally related parts as a cell and its parts. As all parts of a living cell are related to and energized from its nucleus; so all members of a spirit solar system are vitally related to and energized from its central sun.

67. Energies from the big, rotating, spirit-sphere in which the sun is formed, communicated to the lesser spirit-spheres, or archetypal planets, become focalized and polarized at their centers, thereby forming centers of gravitation, by the attraction of which volumes of matter thrown off from the central sun are attracted to the centers of the lesser spirit-spheres, thus forming the physical substance of the planets that revolve about the sun.

68. From the foregoing it will be seen that a physical sun is not a product of blind physical forces, but is a creation by communicated energy from a Throne-center acting upon and within the big, rotating spirit-sphere in which a sun is produced. Also, that a sun's planets are not simply material bodies formed from cast-off matter from a physical sun, but are created spirit-planets, which, by the energies from the sun, have become gravitationally attractive at their centers, and have drawn to their centers the elements, atoms and gases thrown off from the sun.

69. Finally, that all physical laws, energies and modes of motion in the creation and maintenance of suns, planets and systems, are effects of corresponding spiritual laws, energies and activities having their source in the Throne-center of a system. Thus, while Divine energies are the means of creating and controlling a physical sun, God does not reside in the sun, as sun-worshippers believe. God is dynamically manifest everywhere; but God is not personally present as Father, Son, or Holy Ghost in any physical planet.

HEAT-ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY

To understand the constitution and properties of atoms and elements, one should know the beginning and nature of electricity:

70. Spirit-heat manifest in the center of a

spirit-plant engenders thermic energy, which is the primal form of physical energy and the means of producing other forms. Thermic energy converts the ether into inconceivably small white-hot bubbles, which, by cooling and contracting, shrink into bullets and thereby come to *hold* latent energy equal to the heat-energy that produced them. These ether-bullets are the units of electricity,—electrons and ions. They vary in size and energy content according to the condition under which they were produced.

71. The earth is enveloped in an ocean of these electric units. This electric ocean is many miles in depth, and varies in density in different areas according to influences from the sun and other planets. Its volume of ether-units is gradually decreasing by explosion of the units and conversion of their energy into motion. Its volume is added to by electrons from disintegrating atoms.

72. The ocean of electric units serves in causing and diffusing light and heat. Radiant energies proceeding from the sun, after travelling through millions of miles of dense darkness and zero absolute, by colliding with the radiant energies of the earth and the ocean of ether-units, are converted into light and heat. The atmosphere serves mainly in diffusing light and heat rather than in producing them.

73. Ether-units are inhaled with every breath. Electric energy is manifest in all the chemical and vital processes of life. It is the constant connecting medium between life and matter, the servant of life-energies; but it is not life, and cannot sustain vital energies or processes.

74. Various causes, such as pressure, friction, heat and planetary influences, particularly changing conditions in the sun, cause some areas of the electric ocean to become highly positive, while others are negative, resulting in electrical disturbances and storm-currents. Whirlpools in these currents cause tornadoes and typhons.

75. Ether-units, through their affinity for water, are drawn into the particles of moist air. As these combine to form rain-drops, congestion of the ether-units increases. Overcharged areas, or the conjunction of positive and negative currents, cause explosions, or lightning.

76. Volumes of ether-units in contact become carriers of physical energies; in which case the energies, not the electrons, travel. Exploding electrons release their energy, which is conducted either by connecting electrons or through the ether. The electrical current of industry is a flow of electrons, and obeys the laws of a fluid, power increasing with increase of either volume or pressure. Thus it will be seen that electricity as substance consists of ether-units of various

sizes and energy content. Electricity as energy is ether-units in mass motion, and the energy released by the explosion of ether-units.

ATOMS AND GRAVITATION

77. The Divine process of creating atoms and elements not only reveals God's control of the units of matter, but facts of first importance to a right understanding of the laws of physics and chemistry. The process, briefly described, is as follows:

As before stated, spirit-units were generated at the center of an archetypal sun by spirit-heat, and ether-units by physical heat. In the creative process, these spirit-units are aggregated and correlated by spirit forces, acting by the law of vibration, into spirit-entities of various sizes and degrees of complexity, according to the number and arrangement of their constituent units. These spirit-entities later become the spirit-nuclei of atoms.

The secret of the physical universe is in the atom. The following statements reveal this secret.

78. The spirit-nucleus of an atom is always in motion; not only radiant, out-going and in-coming, motion; but its units polarize and produce a whirling motion that gives a pulling power to the center. This whirl-pool pulling power of the spirit-nucleus is the energy of gravitation.

79. The spirit-vortexes that constitute the spirit-nuclei of atoms vary in size and power according to the size, number and arrangement of spirit-units composing them. Spirit-vortexes attract and hold a corresponding number of ether-units, which, by the action of the spirit-nuclei, become organized in geometrical forms within them. Ether-units so organized constitute the physical nuclei of atoms.

80. These correlated ether-units form a complex, electro-magnetic battery that attracts and prevents the free ether-units in the vortex from going beyond their prescribed limit, which is within the spirit-sphere of the vortex. Thus each atom becomes a minute solar system, with its central sun and satellites ensouled, enveloped and controlled by its spirit-archetype.

(The spirit-nuclei of atoms constitute the negative principle of organic life. How the positive units of life are created and how the two are united to form complex germinal determiners and types of life will be explained in the next lesson).

81. As are the size and number of the spirit-units in a spirit-nucleus, so will be the size and pulling power of the spirit-vortex. As are the size and pulling power of the vortex, so will be the number and pulling power of the constituent ether-units in the physical nucleus. As is the

physical nucleus, so will be the number of free, rotating ether-units.

82. Grip this fact: the atomic weight of every atom in the universe is caused primarily by, and is in proportion to, the pulling power of the spirit-vortex that constitutes the spirit-nucleus of an atom. *The physical constituents of an atom separated from their spirit-vortex are without gravitational pull.* They have positive and negative pull among themselves. They form magnetic fields with great pulling power; but barrels of these free ether-units, flowing through a cable carrying a hundred thousand horsepower, add nothing to the weight of the cable. The ocean of ether-units enveloping the earth is held within the magnetic field of the earth by the combined pull of the electrons that are in the atoms of the earth and the air.

83. Primarily, gravitation is a spirit-energy produced in a manifesting center of Being. The pull is caused by the whirling motion of such centers. The direct line of pull is caused by the radiant, centrifugal and centripetal, lines of energy of the generative center. Gravitational energy pull is through the medium of the all-pervading spirit. Being a spirit-energy, gravitation is not affected by physical energies, or by any form of matter.

84. In cosmic creation and control of planets,

gravitation is first manifested in centers that cause and control archetypal suns. The gravitational pull of such centers varies, and determines the size of the spirit-planet created; but the law is the same in all. Gravitational energy acts on the spirit-nuclei of atoms according to the number and power of their constituent spirit-units. By this connection between the centers of Divine manifestation and created atoms, every atom of the universe is subject to and exists because of Divine power.

85. In the creation of atoms, the vortexes of the spirit-nuclei are caused primarily by their units becoming polarized. But the arrangement of the units into geometrical forms is caused by the vibratory, gravitational energy from a center of Divine manifestation. The electro-magnetic pull of an atom varies according to the number and pulling power of its ether-units. This pull, being a physical energy, can be insulated. But the gravitational pull is from the combined energies of the spirit-units of the nucleus, and cannot be insulated by any form of matter.

86. The gravitational pull of a planet is more than the mass pull of its atoms. Each spirit-planet is polarized at its center; wherefore the dominant pull of gravitation is toward the center of a planet. This spiritual point of polarity at

the center of a spirit-planet is the center of control of the planet. The satellites of a sun are controlled from the spirit-center of the sun, which is controlled from a generative center of Being.

87. The gravitational pull of a planet decreases in proportion to the distance from its center, but extends to the circumference of its spirit-sphere. Wherefore all things on the earth and in the air behave as they should inside a globe, with the globe revolving. Thus, the speed of the earth does not increase air-pressure in front or cause a vacuum and pull behind. Every planet, yes, every piece of matter, however small, has a spiritual radiance enveloping it, caused by the combined spirit-energies of the nuclei of its atoms.

ELEMENTS AND PLANETS

88. Atoms are the units of the several chemical elements. As before stated, each atom is according to its spirit-entity or entities. The energies of the spirit-entities combine with the energies of the constituent ether-units. These combined energies give to the atoms of the several elements their chemical affinity, combining properties and vital principle.

89. As musical tones combine with mathematical precision according to their wavelengths to form an endless variety of complex

tones and harmonies; so atoms combine with their kind and those of other kinds, according to their composition, with the exactness of numbers; forming an inconceivable number and variety of compounds, and complex structural forms and energies.

90. Crystallization of elements is according to the affinitive pull and combining properties of atoms, which are determined primarily by the vibrations of their spirit-nuclei. The vibrations of the spirit-nuclei of atoms differ according to conditions under which they were created. The spirit-energies expressed in vibrations cause corresponding physical energies with like vibrations. Wherefore, crystallization takes place with mathematical exactness, causing uniformity of shape in the crystals of a given element.

91. Volumes of the several elements and compounds first appear as fiery gases. Later, the gases are drawn into the vortex of a forming planet at the center of a rotating spirit-sphere. These gaseous spheres are gradually condensed by rotation, gravitation, molecular attraction, cooling and pressure into planets of various degrees of density. Thus a physical planet becomes the core of the spirit-planet in which it is formed.

92. Each material planet passes through a series of orderly changes, attains a natural

zenith of life, then gradually declines to ultimate death and disintegration by loss of heat and polarity, or is re-created by spiritual forces.

93. From this brief study it is evident, first, that atoms are not accidental aggregations of electrons and physical energies, but begin as created spirit-entities, dynamic with whirling, radiant motion, by which their constituent ether-units are aggregated and controlled, as definitely as the life in a plant or animal builds and controls its physical structure.

Second, that matter exists only as an organized state of ether, which state is caused by spirit-energies that have their source in God. The permanency of matter depends solely upon the persistence of spirit-energies. Should God cease manifestation in a system, the physical planets and their elements would dissolve.

Third, that the laws and forces of gravitation, chemical affinity and combining properties are purely spiritual in source and control; and that the forces of light, heat and electricity are effects of spiritual causes that originate in God.

Seeing the Truth, shall not the Son of God, "by Whom and through Whom all things were made", be recognized by scientists and educators? Shall He not be accepted as the great TEACHER OF TEACHERS? Who shall deny His

authority, when His teaching consistently explains the facts of nature?

94. Every sincere student wants to know and live Truth. Christ is Truth in expression. To the degree that He is manifest within does one know and become a center for the expression of Truth. Why should any scientist or educator refuse to believe in an all-wise Creator, and substitute belief in an assumed physical cause, or an unknown intelligent energy, as the basis of scientific teaching? Why should the false conclusions of materialists be made a part of Christian education? Why should self-perpetuated spiritual blindness prevail, when the Great Physician is ever present to give spiritual sight?

LESSON III.

LIFE AND PRIMAL TYPES

INTRODUCTION

95. What is life? How did it begin? Were primal types created, or have all kingdoms, orders and species that now exist, or have existed, evolved from a few simple cells of chemical origin? Is man a super-brute, evolved from some extinct, or surviving, animal strain; or, was man created in the image of God? These and related questions are challenging the attention, not only of scientists, teachers, preachers and writers, but of thoughtful men and women in all walks of life.

96. Christ has no theories to prove, no beliefs to defend. He knows what life is, how it was, and is, produced; how primal types were created; why they and their descendants resemble one another; how varieties are caused; and how and why types persist, each after its kind. Christ explains every fundamental law, fact, principle, process and mystery of biology. He makes the science of life as exact as the science of numbers, physics and chemistry. He reveals the origin

and nature of life-units, and their combining properties. This Lesson will include a brief statement of facts needed to reveal the spiritual causes of natural life, and the fundamental laws of biology.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF LIFE

97. Life is of two general orders: Divine, or super-natural; and natural. Super-natural Life is a manifestation of God, and is eternal. Natural life is a creation, and is temporal. The super-natural Life is the Life of celestial beings, and is given to spirit-man through regeneration. The natural life is the life of the vegetable and animal kingdoms, and of creaturely man. All life is spirit-energy. As a flame releases heat-energy, so the action of combined life-units releases life-energy. This lesson relates exclusively to natural life. How life-units are created will be explained later. Life-units are aggregated and correlated by Divine energies acting under the law of vibration to form life-entities of various kinds.

98. Every life-entity has a vibrating, pulsating motion, caused by alternating action and rest of its units; also a whirling motion, caused by the polarity of its units. These two modes of motion produce radiant life-energy, and pulsating life-energy. The two motions perpetuate an out-flowing and an in-flowing stream of spirit-

energy, which is life. Life-entities draw their supply from the volume of spirit in which they exist. They alternate between active and passive states, of varying duration; but they continue as definite an independent existence, from age to age, as do the atoms of matter.

99. As all forms of matter are convertible into physical energies; so all forms of spirit are convertible into life-energies. As all physical energies are convertible one into another by change in their rates of vibration and modes of motion; so all life-energies are convertible one into another. The physical energies of light, heat and electricity correspond to the life-energies of intelligence, sensation and volition. These primal forms of life-energy combine to produce many varieties, even as the three primary colors combine to form an inconceivable number of hues.

100. As each atom in the universe, because of its spirit-nucleus, is subject to the spirit-energy of gravitation; so each life-entity is subject to the spiritual laws and forces that proceed from a Throne-center of Divine manifestation. As each kind of atom has its distinctive characteristics, which determine its atomic weight, affinities and combining properties; so each type of life-entity has its fixed characteristics, which

determine its powers, affinities and combining properties.

ENTITIES AND DETERMINERS

101. The preceding lesson stated that all life is in and of spirit, is spirit in manifestation; also, that Divine energies, manifested in the center of a spirit-planet, convert the super-heated part of the spirit into spirit-units, which correspond to the ether-units made from the primordial ether. These spirit-units are aggregated and correlated to form spirit-entities, which later become the spirit-nuclei of atoms; also, that the spirit-nuclei of atoms constitute the negative principle of organic life.

The positive units of natural life were produced later and by an entirely different process, as follows:

102. When the earth had taken form and the time had arrived for creating the positive units of natural life the Spirit of God, becoming manifest in the spirit-planet, on a plane within the earth's atmosphere, generated units of Divine Life. These Divine Life-units, by generative activity, created corresponding natural, positive life-units in and of the spirit of the spirit-planet. These natural life-units partook of the quality characteristics of the Divine life-units that produced them, but were an octave lower in their rate of vibration. These engendered, positive

life-units were much larger than the spirit-units created by heat at the center of the spirit-planet at the beginning of the creation of the earth. Every created positive life-unit was a germinal unit, wherefore, *all primal life-entities and cells were germinal*. The multiplication of the entities in germ-cells gives rise to corresponding body cells.

103. The natural, positive life-units were aggregated and correlated by a Divine Word to form the living entities of germinal determiners. These entities differ in size and complexity, according to the number and arrangement of their constituent units. As a word, or sentence, spoken to an audience, produces its equivalent in the mind and brain-cells of each receptive hearer; so creative Words, under the same law of vibration, produce their equivalents in the sensitive spirit-vita-plasma into which they are spoken. (A divine Fiat is a decree that a thing shall be done. Applied spiritual energies are the means of doing. The one must not be confounded with the other. A Fiat may be spoken in a moment; its fulfillment may require an hour, a year, or an age.)

104. Complex germinal determiners, composed of vitally related groups of life-entities, are the constituent units of a germ-cell, and determine the characteristics of the cell, also of

the organism that develops therefrom. As the population of a city consists of groups of individuals having a like vocation,—lawyers, doctors, merchants, mechanics, etc., and as the character and activities of these groups determine the characteristics and achievements of a city; so germinal determiners are composed of many groups of life-entities, the combined activities of which determine the functions and structure of a germ-cell, and of the body that develops therefrom.

105. As the energies of atoms are expressed in chemical properties; so the energies of life-entities are expressed in vital qualities. As a grain of sugar embodies the quality of sweetness that was in the sap, according to the chemistry of the sap; so created entities embody spirit-qualities according to the number and arrangement of their constituent units.

106. The fundamental facts about life and life-processes are: (1) Life is spirit in source, principle and energy. (2) Life consists of units of spirit-energy. (3) Life-units combine by a definite law and power to produce living entities that are as permanent, varied and complex as are the atoms of matter. (4) Life-entities give rise to primal life-qualities that combine according to their quality-energies to form germinal determiners of various kinds, as definitely as the

atoms of the several elements combine to form compounds. (5) Life-entities persist from age to age, entering into new and different kinds of organic forms; in the same way that atoms persist, and enter into new chemical and organic forms. (6) Life-units formed into entities are the spiritual bricks from which all living forms are built; as much so as atoms are the physical bricks of which all material things are composed. Life and atoms coalesce as soul and body. (7) Life and mind activities, whether in the functions of micro-organisms, or in the mind of man, result from spirit-energies that proceed from life-entities; as truly as chemical activities result from the energies of atoms.

SPIRIT-ARCHETYPES

107. Every type of life was created in and of spirit. Every type was first created as a spirit-archetype, and later became embodied as a physicalized, organic type. Every created type was first in the Mind and Purpose of the Creator; as definitely as a mechanical invention is first in the mind of its inventor. As, by the creative Word, natural, positive life-units were assembled to form entities, and these were vitally related to form determiners; so, by the creative Word, determiners were correlated according to design to form spirit-archetypes.

108. As an idea in the mind of one person is

communicated to another by a spoken word; so the ideals formed in the Mind of the Creator were reproduced in the spirit-vita-plasma, which is composed of spirit-determiners. As the form and colors of a flower are reproduced in a mirror by wave-lengths of light; so the form and qualities of a Divine ideal were reproduced in a created archetype by wave-lengths of spirit-vibration.

109. As an architect's blue-print is complete in details, not only as to external form, but as to internal parts; so the created archetypes were complete as to form, qualities, functions and parts, but not as to size. Each archetype was created in miniature, and grew quickly to maturity. The units of an archetype increase under the law of geometrical progression, thereby causing uniform growth in the several parts, making a mature archetype an enlarged duplicate of the created miniature.

110. A spirit-archetype includes not only the essential functions and organs of the individual type as created; but provision for reproduction of its kind. The archetype of a type is perpetual. It is the persistent, permanent reality of every type, and the means of perpetuating the constitutional characteristics of a type. An archetype becomes modified to meet new conditions; but it is always the determiner of the type into which

each member grows; as definitely as the substance of a cake conforms to the tin in which it is baked.

111. The relationship of life-units, entities, determiners and their products may be illustrated by letters, words, and their combinations: As letters form syllables, and syllables, words, and words, sentences that express ideas; so life-units combine to form living entities, living entities combine to form germinal determiners, and germinal determiners combine to form a spirit-archetype that represents a Divine ideal or creation. As the character of syllables, words and sentences is determined by the constituent letters, syllables, words, and their arrangement; so the constitutional characteristics of a created archetype are according to the constituent life-units, entities, germinal determiners, and their arrangement. As the fifty-two sounds represented by the twenty-six letters of the English alphabet combine in an inconceivable variety of ways to produce over four-hundred thousand words; so life-units produce hundreds of varieties of living entities, which combine in an inconceivable variety of ways in germinal determiners; thus giving rise to an infinite variety of life-functions and forms in the created archetypes.

112. The number of archetypes created at one

time may be one, or many. As a creative Word may be spoken into the mind, and its effects registered in the brain of one person, or in thousands, simultaneously; so a creative Word of God may assemble the vital units to form one spirit-archetype of a type, or thousands.

CREATION OF TYPES

113. When the earth's substance was in condition to support organic life, the simpler created archetypes became physicalized by the slowing down of their vibrations, and by their life-units attracting and coalescing with the spirit-nuclei of atoms having corresponding qualities. This union between the positive principle of life in spirit-archetypes with the negative principle of life in the spirit nuclei of the various kinds of atoms, gave to each created type a chemical, structural body corresponding to the inherent qualities of its archetype. These embodied spirit-archetypes constitute the beginning of primal types. By this process, the first members of each type have in them all the qualities, properties and possibilities of the plants or animals of which they are the beginning.

114. Energies from the life-entities give rise to life-functions, and life-functions in action produce corresponding cells, tissues and organs. Therefore, as are the qualities in the life-entities so will be the germinal determiners. As are the

germinal determiners, so will be the functions and functional energies and activities. As are the functional energies and activities, so will be the cells, tissues and organic structures. Wherefore, the inherent, constitutional life-qualities in each created type determine its functional and physical characteristics.

115. To the degree that created types included the same, or similar, qualities did they resemble one another in corresponding functions and parts. The same is true of all existing types. Wherefore, similarity of characteristics between types, or their descendents, in no way proves blood-relationship, or descent from a remote common ancestor. As the words, "grave", "gravy", and "gravitation" resemble one another in letters and sounds, but are in no way related as to origin or meaning; so unrelated species may have similar characteristics from similar constitutional qualities.

116. The number of kinds of created archetypes were few as compared with the number of species that developed from them. Each created type included constitutional qualities that gave rise to several species. The crossing of these related species and other influences multiplied varieties; but all descendants retained the distinguishing characteristics of their created archetype.

117. The creation of archetypes was accomplished in orderly procession, beginning with the simpler forms of vegetable and animal life. The creative period was comparatively brief; but the physicalizing of created types was a slower process, corresponding to gradual changes taking place in the earth. The primal archetypes were adapted to the earlier earth conditions. The higher and more complex creations became embodied only as physical nature became adapted to their needs.*

118. Primordial life was not only intensely swift in its changes, from interior causes, but was correspondingly sensitive, and susceptible to external influences. It was moulded and specialized by forces that would now produce only imperceptible effects. All nature is slowing down. This is why no fact or condition as now observed can be taken as a criterion for measuring things that were, or the time required for a given change, in the early stages. Even in the inorganic kingdom mighty changes were wrought in brief periods by forces now minified. In the shrinking of the earth's crust, and conse-

* Not until created types became physicalized did their bodies crystallize into fossils. Therefore "the record of the rocks" does not reveal the beginning of any type; neither does it reveal the order in which types were created.

quent upheavals of ocean beds, the subsiding waters caused the formation of hills and ravines, canons and channels, in the soft mud, which eons of frost and heat, falling rain and running streams, could not produce in the stone and earth formed from this mud. Likewise, the early life-plasma permitted of vital and organic changes in a few generations that would now require thousands of years and hundreds of generations.*

119. Nature is an organic whole. Every living thing as created was capable of sustaining its life in the environment in which it became physicalized. Each had the intelligence necessary for self-preservation and reproduction. Each had inherent capacity for adaptation to environment by gradual change.

120. An inventor mentally creates the several parts of a machine, and assembles them according to design. When this completed mechanism is materialized, the machine is capable of doing the work for which it was designed. Likewise, when a created archetype became physicalized, the organism, plant or animal, had all its essential parts, and was capable of performing the function for which it was designed, and in the way designed. The old question, "Which was

* From the Textbook, Vital Christianity, paragraph 84.

first, the chicken or the egg?" has its answer in the fact that the original archetype had qualities, which, when expressed in functions and organic structure, gave the ancestral type of fowl the capacity to thrive, and produce eggs as a means of perpetuating its kind. This illustration applies, in a general way, to all forms of life, vegetable and animal.

THE LAW OF REPRODUCTION

A few facts on the laws and processes of germinal life will serve to unveil the mystery of reproduction:

121. The germinal life of every type corresponds to its original monad. Therefore, the pattern of every type is in the germ-cell; which when given expression in functional activities and growth, produces the physical and psychical characteristics peculiar to a type.

122. The process of reproduction in a germ-cell begins by its germinal units of life becoming polarized through the attraction between positive and negative units. This polarity is the beginning of sex-expression. The positive is masculine; the negative is feminine. The spirit-energy produced by this polarity is life.

123. When a developing germ-cell matures, activity of the vital energies from each pole at a central point between the extremes results in

a new cross-polarity. By this new polarity, the male and the female units from each of the original centers become equally divided and transferred to the two new centers, thus giving to each of the new centers an equal number of both.

124. When the male and the female units of a new center are mature, they become polarized and produce two of each kind, thus giving the new cells the same number of male and female units that were in the original cell. This accomplished, the process of cross-polarity and division is repeated in the entire cell, resulting in two new germ-cells, both of which have all the units of the original cell. By this process, germ-cells increase numerically, communicating with mathematical exactness all the units and characteristics of the original parent cells.

125. This process of polarization and increase of germ-cells continues in all species; but in the higher species the male and the female units are so specialized as to produce a plus of one sex and a minus of the other, resulting in division of a species into male and female.

126. In dual parentage, the units of the several determiners from the male and female coalesce, each with its kind, thus producing compound determiners that combine all the germinal unit-qualities of both parents.

127. Each of these compound determiners separates by polarity and growth into two; each of which has all the germinal quality-units that were in the original. One of these new pair of determiners becomes a part of the germ from which a new individual grows. The other one of the pair becomes a part of the conserved germinal life that is passed over to the next generation. By this process, the characteristics of both parents are transmitted to offspring, and the offspring become the carriers of the united ancestral characteristics to succeeding generations.

128. The growth of a germ-cell to maturity of type is attained primarily by the multiplication of determiners, each after its kind, until all the germinal unit-qualities of each determiner have multiplied, and through functional activities have become correlated in structure and function with the germinal units of other determiners.

129. Each germinal determiner of a germ-cell is a highly complex organism. Determiners differ widely in the number and character of their constituent entities. The number of entities in a complex germ-cell runs into millions, and includes many varieties that differ in their constituent life-units. In the process of growth, each entity produces body-cells after its kind; where-

fore, a single determiner produces a variety of body-cells, each of which carries the quality-characteristics of the entity from which it sprang. These body-cells continue to increase their kind numerically according to structure and function. Thus the character qualities of determiners are expressed in the functions and structure of an organism. By this process, offspring become substantially a reproduction of their ancestors.

130. Germinal determiners and their descendants continue as the undying stream of life, while the generations of organisms developing therefrom live their allotted time and pass away. Each generation serves as carrier of the life-stream of germinal determiners. Thus, the constitutional qualities of each type persist from age to age, reproducing the type, and fulfilling the law given from the beginning, of, "each after its kind".

CAUSES OF VARIETIES

131. All modifications of created types, and all new varieties, are caused by influences that produce changes in the germinal determiners. These influences are of four general orders, as follows:

(a) Recessive germinal determiners becoming dominant, and dominant determiners becoming recessive, modify individuals and types.

(b) Acquired characters, to the degree that

they affect the germinal determiners, are transmitted, and gradually give rise to new varieties, of varying degrees of permanency.

(c) Mutations, caused by mechanical, chemical, pathological, or other influences, that affect the germinal units, modify the succeeding generation, and may produce permanent new varieties.

(d) Dual parentage, and the crossing of related species, produce compound and complex determiners, and thus become constant causes of minor modifications.

132. Environment, isolation, nutrition, use and disuse of parts, etc., need not be considered. The important fact is that what is accomplished, in every case, is a new creation, by changes produced in the germinal units. When a cook selects and mixes the ingredients of a cake, the process is not evolution, but creation. Likewise, when the Creator generates and correlates the germinal determiners of a new type of life, the process is not evolution, but creation. When the cook adds or subtracts something from the dough, thus producing a new variety of cake, the result is not a product of evolution, but a new creation. Likewise, when a botanist, or a honey-bee, brings the germinal units of related species together, and thus produces a new variety, the product is a new creation.

133. This illustration applies in a general way to all the orderly changes in organic life. Wherefore, the fact that created types have become differentiated into families, genera, species and varieties, does not imply, much less prove, the theory that all types have evolved from a few simple cells of chemical origin.

134. The twenty-six letters of the English alphabet combine in an endless variety of ways in the composition of words. But the language is built on root-words that represent things that are fundamentally different. Likewise, germinal life-entities combine in an endless variety of ways in living organisms; but the created types were inherently different one from another; wherefore, species are not transmuted into something constitutionally different.

135. Following the great moral and spiritual disaster that destroyed the perfection of the original Divine creation, germinal life became perverted and diseased, resulting in the production of freaks, hybrids, monstrosities, and abnormal and subnormal, physical and psychical characteristics in all kingdoms, orders and species. This mixture and perversion of germinal life produced false types, including many warring, harmful, destructive species, which in no way represent the Divine ideal, or fulfill the law of

harmony. Wherefore, nature, as now known, does not represent God's creation.

(It would require a volume to elucidate the facts presented in this lesson. But whoever will take time to *think through*, and comprehend each statement, will find the essential elements of a new, comprehensive science of the fundamentals of biology.)

LESSON IV.

MIND, NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL

INTRODUCTION

136. To understand the behaviour of life, one must know the source and nature of the elements of mind. The Great Teacher always begins with God, and explains spiritual causes, and their effects in nature. The following brief teaching will serve to reveal the fundamental laws, facts and principles of mind, as expressed in the various orders of life; and prepare the way for a better understanding of the constitution of man.

SOURCE OF UNIVERSAL MIND

137. Mind begins, primarily, in God. All mind is a manifestation of spirit-energies. The spirit-energies proceeding from a Center of Divine Manifestation radiate throughout the system it controls; so that the Mind of God is dynamically manifest in every part of a system. All Centers and systems are related; so that the mind-energies of the several Centers act and react upon one another, constituting the Mind of God manifest throughout the whole spiritual universe.

138. The radiant Mind-activities of God, while producing universal harmony throughout the spiritual universe, produce a variety of manifestation in the several systems; also in the several spirit-planets of each system. Wherefore, spirit planetary systems not only exert an influence one over another; but the members of each system have their distinctive mind-characteristics and influences over one another.

139. Divine Mind-energies control and determine the physical characteristics of systems, suns and planets. Wherefore, the spirit-universe is not only animate with the Life-energy that proceeds from Throne-Centers of God, as a cell is animate with the life from its nucleus; but the physical universe is produced and controlled in its atoms and in its aggregate of suns and systems, by Divine Mind.

140. All Divine Mind-energies proceed from centers of Divine manifestation, as definitely as light from a candle. Wherefore, there is no "universal mind", "cosmic mind", or "planetary mind", apart from centers of God's manifestation. Every such center is a *personal* expression of God, i. e., expresses all the qualities and attributes of Divine personality. Therefore, all Divine Mind-influences in the universe are expressions of the ONE, indivisible, personal Being.

141. Divine Mind comes into manifestation,

primarily, as Love, Intelligence and Will. In expression, each of these three becomes differentiated into various forms of its kind. The primal three are coordinated in all Divine activities. Likewise, all the various elements and attributes into which they are specialized are coordinated; so that they act and react upon, and with, one another, producing an inconceivably complex Mind. Every unit in this complex Mind is so related to others, and to the whole, as to produce perfect cooperation and harmony of action. Wherefore, the whole spirit-universe is animate with, and subject to, the Divine Love, Intelligence and Will, or Mind of God.

MIND IN PLANTS AND ANIMALS

142. All natural mind is an effect of spiritual energies that proceed from God. As in the spiritual, so in the natural; all mind-energy is spirit-energy; for all mind is a manifestation of spirit-energy expressed in vibrations of various wavelengths and complexities of energy and modes of motion. Physical energies (thermic, electrical and chemical) serve in all objective mind-functioning; but they are no part of life or of mind.

143. The preceeding Lesson explained how positive life-units are created. Every positive life-unit is also a mind-unit; for it partakes of the mind-qualities manifest in the Divine Life-

units that serve in creating it. These positive life-units are aggregated and correlated to form living entities. These entities vary in mind-characteristics according to the number and arrangement of their constituent units. Entities combine to form determiners, thus multiplying the complexity and possibilities of the resultant mind. Determiners, aggregated and correlated, form the archetype of a type, and thus give to each type its distinctive mind-characteristics.

144. In nature, mind is first expressed in rudimentary, instinctive intelligence, sensation and volition. These are potentially present in the lowest form of life. They arise from the functional activity of the primal life-entities. In the higher species, the primal elements of sensation, intelligence and volition become differentiated into many varieties of each. All mind-elements and mental processes are coordinated, thus producing complex psychic forces and characteristics.

145. Mind-activities are of two general classes, involuntary and voluntary. In the vegetable kingdom, intelligence is largely involuntary; but some plants manifest sensation, choice and volition. In the animal kingdom, from lowest to highest, there is an increasing manifestation of voluntary mind-activity. All members of a species have the same general psychical charac-

teristics, but differ widely in disposition and susceptibility to training.

146. As atoms are controlled by the gravitational pull of their spirit-nuclei; so positive life-units and entities are influenced by vibrations of spirit-energies that proceed from the Center of Being controlling the solar system. By this influence, plants and microscopical, brainless, single celled animals automatically perform the functions necessary to self-preservation and reproduction.

147. As animal life becomes more complex, the greater number, variety and combinations of its entities, give rise to corresponding mind-qualities and activities, resulting in greater capacity of adaptation and selective choice; also to acquire and apply knowledge not instinctive. All forms of life, vegetable, animal, and, in a measure, human, are influenced by Divine Mind-energies; also by physical energies from the sun and from the planets of the solar system.

148. The constitutional mental characteristics of each type are wrought into the units of its germinal determiners, and transmitted to descendants. Thus, the mind-life of a species persists in each member, and is changed in the species only by such influences as modify the germinal determiners. In all higher types, each distinctive element of mind is related to, and

expressed through, the functional activity of a brain-center. Each such brain-center is reproduced, through heredity, in succeeding generations.

THE HUMAN MIND

149. God created man in His own image. How, will be explained in the next Lesson. Man was created a spirit-being, clothed with a physical body. Spirit-man's mind partook of the qualities peculiar to celestial beings. It included perception, memory, rational intelligence, emotion, volition, and moral and religious sentiments. Creaturely man's nature included the senses, instinctive intelligence and volition, and the elements of self-preservation. From the beginning, these two minds were united, and blended in one, giving man, as created, a rational, conscious mind, with power of choice, and moral and religious sentiments; also the instinctive intelligence, sensibilities and volitional characteristics of the creatures.

150. The human mind has two planes of expression, subjective and objective, sub-conscious and conscious. The subjective is in and of the spirit. It works best when the brain is at rest; but it acts largely on what has been gained through objective activities. It varies according to the constitutional qualities of the spirit-ego. The objective expression of man's mind is de-

pendent on brain-functioning. Each element of mind is manifested in and through a brain-center, as specifically as each bodily function is carried on through a corresponding organ. Wherefore, as is the functional power of a given brain-center, so will be the strength of the mind-element manifest through that center. Weakness, or imperfect functioning, in the brain-center of any mental faculty, causes corresponding conditions in the objective consciousness. But the same does not apply to the subjective mind, which may be strong and normal when the objective is weak or abnormal.

151. As all bodily functions are related, and work together in carrying on the various vital processes; so all mental faculties and their brain-centers are so related as to cooperate in carrying on the various functions of the mind. In the expression of the impulses of mind and character, each element tends to produce decision, purpose and action in line with its desire; which course is often opposed by others until a compromise is reached. Thus, acquisitiveness might prompt theft, or secretiveness, deception; but judgment and conscience would oppose. As each member of a legislative body represents the interests of his constituency and the several members oppose one another, or cooperate in accomplishing their purposes; so the elements

of mind and character oppose those that interfere with their choice, and cooperate with those that will assist in carrying out their desires and purposes. The dominant forces, moment by moment, determine decision and action.

152. All perception and registration of knowledge gained from the external world is by response to various kinds of vibration. All mind-activity is expressed in vibration. Stimuli from the senses, and impulses arising from subjective mind-activities, come into objective expression through brain-functioning. As music is composed of a succession of harmonized tones; so impulses of thought, feeling, sensation, volition, imagination and aspiration follow each other, and, coordinating in continuous action, produce the objective mind, or stream of consciousness. When all mental impulses cease functioning in the brain, as during sound sleep, the objective mind ceases. But not so the subjective. Its vital and mental processes go on with increased energy while the brain rests.

153. The moral sentiments, such as conscience, faith, hope, benevolence, reverence and spirituality, belong exclusively to the higher spirit-ego, and have no equivalents in the lower nature. Some physical functions, instincts and desires belong exclusively to the lower nature; but the senses, the powers of perception and memory,

the elements of self-preservation, ambition, construction, emotion, affection and volition, are manifested in both the higher and the lower natures. After the death of the body, the elements of mind and character tend to become more active and harmonious because of separation from physical desires, and distinctly creaturely characteristics.*

DIVINE-HUMAN MIND

154. When a person experiences regeneration, the Holy Spirit generates a center of Divine Life in union with the spiritual heart of spirit-man. The Divine Life-qualities engendered in this center unite with those of the human. This fusing of the Divine and the human life-qualities in the spiritual heart produces a center of Divine-human mind.

155. Christ Jesus is the perfect example of Divine-human nature. In Him all the qualities and attributes of the Divine Mind are manifest in union with a completely consecrated, cooperating human mind. In Him is revealed, not only the ideal of Divine-human mind, action and achievement, but how it is to be experienced.

156. Christ Jesus realized that His Divine Life was in and of God; that of Himself, i. e., apart

*For a comprehensive statement of the elements of the human mind, and their activities, see "Human Nature Studies", in the book, "The Psychology of Success".

from God, He had nothing and could do nothing; that it was God that worked in Him to will and to do; that He was only a Center of Divine manifestation, an expression of God-Life and nature. This attitude was not self-imposed humility, but true understanding and cooperation with the Father. When, through knowledge, love and devotion to Christ, one consecrates all the elements of mind and character to Christ; and persistently chooses that Christ's Mind shall be expressed in and through the human attributes, one cooperates with Christ in manifesting the Divine-human mind.

157. The energies of the Divine Mind, expressed in and through the human, purify, correct, strengthen and energize the human; thereby increasing its quality and efficiency. Therefore, to have the Mind of Christ, means not only to overcome evil with good, and weakness with strength; but to be immeasurably enriched in capacity to serve, achieve and realize true happiness and progress.

158. To practice cooperating with Christ in giving expression to the Divine-human mind, one should reckon the old sin-self and its desires as dead, therefore as having no part in the new, Divine-human personality. One should practice living in the positive, conscious assurance, that the real personality is a spirit-being,

and, through Christ's indwelling presence and power, has dominion over the carnal mind and all fleshly desires. Finally, one should hold fast to the fact that Christ is the Life, the strength, the wisdom and righteousness, the dominant Reality of the new personality.

159. Christ Jesus, when on earth, constantly conformed to the will of the Father; that the Father might be manifest and glorified, i. e., given expression in and through Him. Likewise, the Christian's question should be, not, what do I, in my human nature, love, think, desire or will? But, what does Christ in me love, think will, choose to do? By habitually putting Christ first in all plans, purposes and activities, the regenerate human nature becomes merged with the Christ nature, and serves in the expression of the Christ Mind and character.

160. As one continues to cooperate with Christ in the expression of the Divine-human mind, one experiences not only increased purity and power in the human faculties, but increased capacity to perceive spiritual realities and serve in doing spiritual works. God is always approachable and knowable through the Divine-human mind. Communion between Christ and the Father is as natural as between the human child and its father. God is the Father of every Christ-spirit. Wherefore, every regenerate soul in whom

Christ abides can know the Father and be taught by His inspiration.

161. The time has come when all Christians should not only know the Lord as an indwelling presence, and be taught of God; but should live in the consciousness of the Divine-human mind. This is possible for everyone who will accept the finished work of Calvary as delivering from the old sin-self; and will faithfully cooperate with Christ in realizing His fullness of Life, Love, purity, wisdom, power and God-consciousness. CHRIST'S FULLNESS, MADE MANIFEST WITHIN, IS GOD'S PROVISION FOR MAN'S COMPLETENESS.

LESSON V.

MAN'S ORIGIN AND RE-CREATION

INTRODUCTION

162. Every student of science or of religion is forced to consider the origin, nature and possibilities of mankind. All Scripture reveals man as a distinct creation of a higher order than the brutes. All racial tradition traces man to a higher state of life preceeding a moral catastrophe that resulted in human degeneracy, and loss of spiritual consciousness. No fact of science, when rightly interpreted, contradicts the essential facts of these claims of revelation and tradition.*

* The cosmology given in Genesis consists mainly of related fragments of an earlier and fuller revelation. This résumé served as background for the renaissance of Israel after four hundred years of slavery. Its main purpose was to produce a right consciousness of God as Creator and Governor of all things; of creation, and the order in which all things were made; of man as created, his fall, and its sequences; of law, and the necessity of obedience; of worship, faithfulness, righteousness and their results; of a protected Kingdom for the chosen people; of a Messiah to come, and His Kingdom on earth. Throughout the centuries this revelation has accomplished its purpose, proving not only its authoritative origin and

163. False interpretation of the facts of nature has led to the debasing conclusion that man is a product of organic evolution and related by descent to the animals; also that man's higher, rational mind, ideas of God, moral laws and religions, have all evolved from natural causes. These fallacies are doing destructive work in the minds and hearts of millions.

164. Mankind as revealed in ancient skeletons, relics and implements; in cave-men, savages, child-like peoples and existing races, does not represent the human race as created; but states into which fallen man lapsed, and the sequences of race-degeneracy. No major fact pertaining to mankind can be rightly interpreted until the constitution of man, as created, is understood. The Son of God knows the history of the human race, from its inception in the Mind of the Creator to the present day. He teaches the facts that mankind should know, to cooperate with Him in recreating and spiritualizing the race.

CREATION OF MAN

165. Christ teaches that the human ego was created in and of spirit, and later became embodied in a corresponding physical form. The spirit-ego was formed of spirit-qualities peculiar

essential validity, but power to serve in bringing men into right relationship to God and their fellow-men, which is the goal of all Scripture.

to celestial beings. It was created in the same way that the spirit-archetypes of creatures were produced, as explained in Lesson III. Man as created was of higher and finer soul-qualities than any people now on the earth. Man's body was pure and etheric, more perfectly formed than the most beautiful specimen of the race today; for it was the objectified expression of God's ideal. The essential facts as to how man was created, his constitution, and the degeneracy of the race, are as follows:

166. When creation was in process, two kinds of spirit-entities and archetypes were constantly being produced: a higher kind, which was the beginning of spirit-beings; and a lower kind, which was the beginning of the members of the vegetable and animal kingdoms. Both were produced by the process explained in Lesson III. But the higher was created from spirit-units formed from that state of spirit peculiar to the spiritual Kingdom and celestial beings.

167. In the creation of celestial beings, the assembled spirit-entities were so related as to form determiners that gave rise to pure, spiritual intelligence, love and volition. Celestial beings are not subject to physical sensations and desires as are the creatures of earth; neither have they anything comparable to the physical body of man, with its cells, tissues, glands, nerves, veins

and organs. But their bodies are more permanent, more substantial and powerful than any physical body.

168. The archetypes of celestial beings begin as miniature creations, too small to be thought of as having the form of man; but they grow quickly, assuming progressively, various forms, and coming at last to a form substantially like that of perfect man, which is the life-pattern of the Elohim,—the seven Spirits of Divine manifestation in Whose image spirit-man was created.

169. The archetype of spirit-man was created of the higher spirit life-entities peculiar to celestial beings. It was constitutionally conformed to the type peculiar to the Elohim. It was composed of spirit, and was spiritual in all its functions and attributes. It was also like celestial beings in that it was not designed to die. It had no sensibilities, appetites, or physical desires, such as belong to fallen, mortal man. It partook in a measure of the higher, intellectual, affectional and spiritual powers peculiar to angels.

170. The archetype of natural man was formed of the spirit-entities peculiar to nature. Its determiners and constitutional qualities included those of all the lower forms of life. It also had quality-characteristics not given to the

highest of the animals, which corresponded to the qualities peculiar to spirit-man, but of a lower octave. Thus, the archetype of natural man, when mature, was the counterpart in form and function of spirit-man; so that when the two were united, the physicalized, natural man served as a perfect instrument for the expression of spirit-man on the physical plane of nature.

171. The archetype of the natural man remained negative until the archetype of spirit-man entered in and quickened it. Archetypal spirit-man developed within the archetype of the natural man; it became the spiritual heart, or radiant center, of spiritual Life; from which proceeds the spirit-energies of spirit-man. This spiritual heart is still man's center of spiritual Life. All God-given spiritual knowledge is received in this heart. All spiritual Life, illumination and wisdom are in and of the spiritual heart. When spirit-man entered into archetypal natural man, the qualities of the archetype of spirit-man united with those of the natural man. This union and blending of the two, and their united expression, completed the creation of man in the image of Elohim, after their likeness.

172. Archetypal man did not become physicalized until long after the primal types of vegetable and animal life were permanently em-

bodied in organic forms. When archetypal man was fully formed, God breathed of the Spirit Breath of Divine Life into the completed creation, and man became a living Soul, i. e., a self-conscious, rational, moral, self-determining being, clothed with a pure, perfect, physical body, conformed to the spirit, and adapted to spirit-man's needs. This completed product constituted the beginning, or Adam, of the human race. Thus the first man was a distinct and unique creation combining in one the higher qualities peculiar to angels, and the lower qualities peculiar to the creatures of nature, giving man the spiritual characteristics of celestial beings, and the physical characteristics of the creatures.

Christ has never revealed to His servant the date at which the archetypes of any type became physicalized. Archetypal man became embodied during the early part of three great epochs. The first was the beginning of the black race. The second was the beginning of the yellow race. The third was the beginning of the white race. The three were sufficiently different in constitutional qualities that they never should have crossed. The red and the brown races are variations of the primal three, caused by crossing and climatic conditions. Christ Jesus was the beginning of a new, Divine-human race, the members of which are produced from the other races by spiritual generation only. This Divine-human race will be the last and surviving race of physicalized mankind. But the elect of this in-Christed race will become quickened and spiritualized in their bodies; so that the ultimate race will not have fleshly

173. As explained in Lesson III, an archetype is created complete in miniature. By the activity of its qualities it grows quickly to maturity of type. It then becomes embodied in physical form and structure by the slowing down of its vibrations, and by attracting physical atoms of corresponding character. Thus the mature archetype becomes clothed with a corresponding physical body, having all functions and parts sufficiently mature to continue an independent existence and reproduce its kind. Likewise, the archetype of man attained maturity of type before becoming fully physicalized; wherefore *man, as created, had all the constituent qualities and possibilities of the human race.*

174. Archetypal spirit-man was male-female, a balanced being, as angels are, and as regenerate spirit-man eventually becomes in the Kingdom of Heaven. The archetype of natural man partook of the duality of sex-qualities that later became specialized in masculine and feminine characteristics. When the race began to multiply, all the primal qualities were not equally active; some were recessive. Later, these recessive qualities, coming into activity, gave rise to varieties that were the primal cause

bodies, but be substantially etheric and spiritual. Only in this ultimate, perfected race, will the Divine ideal be fully realized.

and beginning of races and racial characteristics.

175. In man's present state, the human ego—spirit, soul and etheric body,—survives the death of its physical body. Man's creaturely nature dies, and gradually disintegrates, after the death of its physical body; even as do the psychic forms of animals. The fundamental difference between human nature and brute-nature is not simply one of degree, or of specialized development, but of inherent, constitutional characteristics. Man is primarily a spirit-being; was so created; is so even in his fallen state. Animals have no spirit-ego, and nothing that corresponds to man's higher nature. If apes could be evolved to where they could learn to talk, read and write, do chores and drive cars; *they would still lack all that is distinctly human.*

176. During physical life, man's spirit-ego and the lower, creaturely nature are vitally related; but the higher did not evolve from the lower; neither did the lower evolve from animal ancestors. From the beginning, the higher was in the lower as the determining factor. Keep this fact in mind: man was first created a spirit-being; then clothed with a natural body; but the archetype of the natural matured first; even as an unborn child's body matures to type before its mind awakens. Wherefore, in com-

ing into expression, the natural preceeded the spiritual, but the natural was subject to the spiritual, and the spiritual was receptive to God.

177. As explained in Lesson IV, man's rational mind, intuition, moral and religious sentiments, aspirations and spiritual tendencies, come from the functional activity of the spirit-qualities man has in common with celestial beings. Man's physical appetites, desires and instinctive intelligence, come from the functional activities of those qualities that man has in common with the creatures. Even in unregenerate persons the lower nature often opposes the higher. All normal persons are conscious of duality and conflict.

178. Race progress, like individual progress, was primarily by the coming into expression of innate qualities, in response to external influences. As in individuals, so in races, all qualities do not come into expression at the same time. Some are more perverse than others. All characteristics are ever undergoing minor, gradual, orderly change. No race, or individual member of a race, has given full or harmonious expression to all the spirit-qualities included in the human constitution.

RACE DEGENERACY

179. The Adamic race was taught of God. The primal Revelation included knowledge of spirit-

ual law, spiritual beings and the spiritual universe; of the planets, and something of their movements and influences; of physical nature and its laws and forces; of minerals and their uses; of the fundamental laws of biology and their application; of the right relationship of the sexes and families; of moral laws and forms of worship, including the rite of sacrifice as the prototype of the atonement to be made by Jesus Christ. Remnants of this revealed knowledge have come down through the ages. The original spoken and written language was God-given. Had man continued in right relationship to God, and retained his spiritual consciousness, he would have received teaching as needed; and, through Divine wisdom, have had dominion over nature.

180. As a spirit-being, man was subject to spiritual laws. These laws were revealed by God for man's protection and righteous conduct. As disobedience to physical laws brings disease and death to the body; so violations of spiritual laws destroyed man's capacity to inbreathe Divine Life, resulting in the race becoming mortal, and subject to degeneracy. Man's spiritual death was like breaking the connection of a factory with its electric power-house. The light of spiritual perception and understanding went out of man. His dominion over nature and power

to do spiritual works were lost. The race became limited to the capacities inherent in the archetype of the natural man, as modified by what had been received from the spirit-archetype of spirit-man.

181. Thus, by the misuse of the God-given powers of free moral agency and self-determination, primitive man fell from his high estate of constitutional immortality, and became mortal, subject to the law of sin and death. This disaster changed man from spiritual consciousness to material, sensory consciousness; from the Light of Divine inspiration to the darkness of unguided physical impulses and desires; from dominion over nature, to subjection to it.

182. The effects of sin are not limited to the individual offender, but are communicated to his posterity through the laws of heredity; wherefore, the fallen state of the race became inherent in all mankind. In man's fallen state, his body was changed from its pure, substantial character, and became gross flesh, like that of beasts, subject to the same laws of sensation, desire, disease and death. This state will continue in the race until, through regeneration and spiritualization, spirit-man is re-created in the Divine image, and his mortal body is quickened by the Holy Spirit to a higher rate of vibration.

183. Fallen man gradually deteriorated, and

became separated into warring tribes. Degenerate man was not as the brutes, which instinctively obey the laws of their existence; but was vile, willful, deceitful, savage, cruel, cunning, treacherous, sensual, intemperate—constitutionally perverse.

184. The early wickedness of mankind was greatly intensified through obsession by fallen spirit-beings. Knowledge given by these higher beings led men to devil and serpent worship; to violating the natural laws of reproduction; to drinking blood; to offering human sacrifices; to sorcery and the harmful use of occult powers. Details of what occurred during this long night of extreme human degeneracy, when the earth was filled with violence, may not be published.

185. The cataclysm that tilted the earth on its axis, and drowned, froze, or buried, the greater part of the then existing species, left remnants of the human race in different parts of the earth, chief of which were the "eight souls" comprising the seed of God's chosen people, through whom redemption and the gift of Divine eternal Life was to be made available for all.

186. The remnants of the race left by the flood differed widely in racial characteristics. Some of these remnants became extinct; others thrived, multiplied, and became divided into tribes and nations. Constitutional differences in these sur-

viving remnants, degrees of degeneracy, and isolation and environment; all became determining factors in producing tribal, racial and national peculiarities of existing peoples.

187. Slowly, painfully, fallen man has learned by experience, and acquired by effort and sacrifice, some of the freedom and supremacy over nature that would have been his by gift, had he been obedient to spiritual law, and thereby retained his higher consciousness and powers.

188. From the beginning, God has continued to strive with man, revealing laws, restraining from wickedness, instructing and inspiring with Truth and righteousness. Chosen souls in all ages have been used of God in preserving parts of the primitive Revelation, and in communicating truth, laws and forms of worship. This Divine ministry has been the principal factor in human progress.

189. "In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son" to redeem mankind from the law of sin and death, and to re-create a remnant of the race to fulfill the purpose for which man was originally designed. This remnant, spiritualized and transformed, shall ultimately constitute the inhabitants of the new Kingdom, in which dwelleth righteousness. To cooperate with God in achieving this goal is man's highest duty and privilege. To fail to cooperate robs one of soul

growth, eternal Life, and the opportunity of sharing in this supreme service to God and man, and in its reward.

MANKIND RE-CREATED

190. The fallen race was, and still is, under the law of sin and death. A dead man cannot resurrect himself, or change his nature. The Master's question: "Can a leopard change his spots, or an Ethiopian his skin?" is to the point. The Son of God became incarnate, not to show unregenerate man how to live; but to give Divine, eternal Life, and to teach those who share this Life how to live as sons of God. No unregenerate person *can* live the Life Christ revealed, and makes possible for His disciples. All attempts to produce the Christ-Life and character in unregenerate human nature are as unscientific as an attempt to grow roses from thistles.

191. It is a biological law that life comes only from pre-existing life of its own kind, natural life from natural life, Divine Life from Divine Life. To have the Divine, eternal Life, man must be born anew, born from above, born of the Spirit, given a new spirit through spiritual generation. When the time came to begin recreating the fallen race, The Eternal Son became incarnate. God manifest as the Holy Spirit generated the germinal determiners of Divine Life in union with the human germinal life

chosen for this purpose. The result was a new creation that combined in one the attributes of God and man. This "new creation" was the beginning of the new, Divine-human race, also the means of multiplying the type.

192. On the Cross, the Son of God entered into man's lost condition, i. e., under the laws of sin and death; took upon Himself the sin of the race, suffered its sequences of death, and conscious separation from the Father; that He might deliver man from the power of sin, and the dominion of Satan. What was accomplished in the spiritual world through His death, resurrection, and ministry, made it possible for penitent, believing mankind to experience deliverance from the guilt and power of sin; and receive forgiveness and the gift of Divine, eternal Life, through regeneration. God was in Christ, reconciling the fallen race to Himself, and making provision to give of His own eternal Life to all who come unto Him through Christ. Only by heart-acceptance of Christ's vicarious atonement can any soul fulfill the conditions necessary for experiencing regeneration. *Only by regeneration does anyone enter God's Kingdom.* This is not dogma; it is spiritual science, experientially provable by anyone who will comply with the necessary conditions. This science is rejected only by those who do not know Jesus Christ.

193. Many believers are failing to experience God's provision of heart-cleansing, regeneration and spiritual progress; because they have failed to grasp the vital connection between Christ's vicarious atonement and Christian experience. All Christian gifts are primarily by way of the Cross. The Son of God, out of His great Love, teaches, helps, comforts and inspires those responsive to Him. *But He saves from sin and death, and gives eternal Life, solely by virtue of His sacrificial death and communicated Life.* Whoever rejects His sacrificial death as delivering from sin, cannot partake of His gift of Life. Why? will now be explained:

NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL BLOOD

194. The Blood is the Life. As the physical blood is the circulating medium that vitalizes the body; so there is a corresponding spiritual blood that proceeds from man's spiritual heart and vitalizes his soul. In unregenerate man, sin does its deadly work, primarily in the spiritual heart, poisoning the life-flow at its source. As is the spiritual blood, so will be the emotional and volitional characteristics of a soul. A spiritual disease can be cured only by spiritual means. Christ's spiritual Blood is the means, the only means.

195. There is no active, organized life anywhere apart from its circulating medium, blood.

As in the natural, so in the spiritual. As Christ's physical life was manifest in the physical blood shed on Calvary; so His spiritual Life is manifest in His spiritual Blood in believing, surrendered souls. As transfused blood heals and vitalizes a sick body; so Christ's spiritual Blood heals and vitalizes a sin-sick soul.

196. When a penitent believer, by grace through faith, accepts Christ's vicarious atonement for deliverance from sin, and chooses in his heart to turn from sin and the sinful nature, the Holy Spirit manifests the Divine spiritual Blood in the believing heart, cleansing it from the guilt of sin. When a trusting believer confesses Jesus Christ as Saviour, surrenders to the Divine will, and consecrates his personality to Christ, the Holy Spirit generates a center of Christ-Life in union with the human spirit, whereby the recipient becomes partaker of the Divine, eternal Life. The "new creation" resulting from this union combines the Life-qualities of God and man in a new, Divine-human personality.

197. The Divine, spiritual Blood proceeding from this engendered center of Life in the heart becomes a fountain of Divine Life. This Divine Life-Blood united with the human spiritual blood becomes the Life of the new Divine-human spirit. Thus, Christ and the Christian are not

only made one in the Blood, by the Blood; but, through faith in the efficacy of Christ's sacrificial blood, the spiritual Blood continues to flow in the soul as a fountain of Life, cleansing it from sin, and vitalizing it with Divine, eternal Life. This center of Christ-Life in a Christian becomes the means of perpetuating the Divine-human personality for time and eternity.

198. Notice, please: acceptance by faith of Christ's sacrificial blood is *the means* to receiving the ministry of His spiritual Blood AT ALL TIMES. His spiritual Blood manifest within, is the means to Christ's Life, virtues and gifts. Whosoever is not related to Christ by His Blood, is not related at all. No one is vitally related to the Father but in and through the Son.*

THE MYSTERY, CHRIST WITHIN

199. Every real Christian is related to Christ in the same literal, vital sense that a newly born cell is in and of the life and substance of the organism that gave it birth. The Master's sayings: "I am the Vine; ye are the branches," "Ye in Me and I in you," "That they may be one even as We are one," "That the love wherewith Thou has loved Me may be in them, and I in them"; and John's sayings: "God gave unto us eternal

* For a fuller explanation of the spiritual Blood and Christ's Life in Christians, see the Textbook, Vital Christianity.

Life, and this Life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath the Life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not the Life", and "If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, then the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin"; are not figures of speech or mystical vagaries; but descriptive of the biological, vital, persistent relationship between Christ and the members of His Body.

200. The mystery of Christ's indwelling millions of Christians is difficult to perceive mentally. The question arises: How can one person be present in many simultaneously? To comprehend this mystery, first, grasp the fact that the Son of God was the Beginning, or Seed, of a new, Divine-human species. Each new member is generated by the Holy Spirit from the one Divine Life. Second, realize that through spiritual qualities the nature and psychical characteristics of Christ are communicated to all vital Christians. Third, understand that Christ Jesus, transcendent as the Son of God, manifests His own personality by the Holy Ghost in union with regenerate human spirits, in the same personal, vital way that each member of the Divine Trinity is manifest in the others. Wherefore, as the Master said: "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me"; again: "Apart from the Father I do nothing". So a Christian is in Christ and Christ

is in a Christian; and apart from Christ a Christian can do nothing and has nothing that is distinctly of God. Finally, know that Christ Jesus was an example of the eternal One made manifest in union with a human personality. He was the Beginning, and by His sacrificial death, resurrection, and gift of Divine Life, became the Means of re-producing His kind. But the Eternal Son of God is not limited to this individual expression, any more than the outshining light of the solar sun is limited to its effects in a single dew-drop in which its rays are focalized. Christ Jesus is the human expression of the Eternal Son of God, Whose vastness fills Heaven and earth; Whose dynamic presence is as constant as the energy of the sun; and Whose Life and illumination are as available, to all who will receive, as are the heat and light of the sun.

201. Under existing teaching and practice, converts to Christianity believe the doctrines, profess saving faith in Christ, are baptized in His Name, join a church; then try to live according to Christian ideals; all of which are means, but not the goal. No one does, or can, live the Christ-Life but Christ. A turtle might decide to change its ways and live as an eagle; but try as it may, it is doomed to failure. Only an eagle can live an eagle's life. Only as Christians learn to reckon dead the old sin-self, in Christ's sacri-

ficial death, and realize that the new Christian Life IS IN AND OF CHRIST, can they serve Him in putting off the old, perverse, sinful nature, and putting on His righteous, Divine nature.

202. Substituting Christian doctrines and ideals for Christ's indwelling presence has robbed Christ of His opportunity to share His Life with believers, and express His nature and purposes in and through them. It has robbed Christians of His vitalizing, transforming, enriching, illuminating presence. It has robbed humanity of the perpetual manifestation of Divine Love, revealed in Jesus as the law of Life, and the working energy that destroys evil and produces good. When Christians stop trying to save, correct and control the old, mortal sin-self, and cooperate with Christ in creating and spiritualizing the new, Divine-human personality; then, and only then, will they realize the Christian ideal and show to the world A NEW MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

LESSON VI.

PROOFS (?) OF EVOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

203. God never makes two things exactly alike. Everything He creates has constitutional qualities that differentiate it from all others. Every member of a species differs from every other member. All organic life is flexible. Not one sentence in Scripture sustains the idea that God created any living thing in such a way that it could not, or would not, change, or become differentiated into varieties of its kind. Mankind needs to be delivered from the childish thought of God as a wonder-worker, a super-magician, who delights in transcending law, and in producing something out of nothing. God does everything according to law, order and system.

204. In current literature the statement is frequently made that one must believe in the special creation of each original lion, tiger, wolf, bear, cow, horse, sheep, fowl, fish, insect, etc., substantially as they are today; or, must accept the "only alternative" of believing that all types that have existed, or now exist, have evolved from primal cells, and that all are related by de-

scent. Also, that the moment one concedes that species give rise to new varieties, "one ceases to be a creationist and becomes an evolutionist". A more misleading, unscientific, irrational, inexcusable proposition would be difficult to "evolve". Such statements, repeated by men of high position in school and church, and published in popular magazines, to be accepted as authentic by millions of unthinking and uninformed readers, constitutes a tragedy in the history of science, education and religion.

205. The evolutionary theory of "continuous, progressive change, according to certain laws, by means of resident forces", causing "all things to progress from lower to higher, from simple to complex," does not rightly interpret the facts of nature. All planets were created white-hot, and gradually slow down in their vibrations from loss of energy. Under certain conditions, elements and gases combine to form new compounds; but under other conditions, they separate. Under favorable conditions, all forms of life increase in complexity, size and number. Under unfavorable conditions, they deteriorate. Increase and decrease, development and degeneracy, obtain throughout all nature. Therefore, the idea that everything is progressing, and, by an innate law of nature, must progress, is fundamentally wrong.

THE CREED OF MATERIALISM

206. Materialists, assuming the authority of Science, presume to explain the universe, with its hundreds of millions of suns and systems, and their contents, as self-creating and self-sustaining by universal law and energy, the source and nature of which are unknown and unknowable.

207. The creed of materialism is substantially as follows:

(a) An unknown law without a law-giver, and an unknown physical energy from an unknown cause, produced natural law and thermic energy, with all their possibilities.

(b) Thermic energy produced electric energy, ions and electrons, and their kind.

(c) Electric energy produced chemical energy and atoms of various sorts, after their kind.

(d) Chemical energy produced molecules and molecular energy, after their kind.

(e) Molecular energy produced colloids and colloidal energy, after their kind.

(f) Colloidal energy produced biotic energy, which organized primal living cells, after their kind.

(g) Biotic energy in living cells evolved more complex energies and organisms.

(h) Complex organisms evolved psychic energy, expressed in animals as instinct.

(i) Animals, working under the law of self-

preservation, evolved the more highly complex, psychic energies that constituted the mind of primal man.

(j) Primitive man's mind-energies, of fear, superstition and imagination, evolved the idea of gods, devils and spirits.

(k) Man's desire for life after death, and his dreams of seeing dead ancestors alive, evolved belief in life after death.

(l) Belief in gods, and in life after death, evolved primitive religions.

(m) Primitive religions evolved the Jewish idea of Jehovah, and the Jewish religion, from which came Christianity.

(n) The spirit of sacrifice, faith and zeal, of the early Christians, evolved the dogmas and ideals of Biblical Christianity.

208. Notice, please: This chain of assumed causes and their effects began with an unknown physical energy, and all that has been produced is simply more complex forms of energy and matter. According to this theory, all intelligence, will, love, mind and character, are expressions of physical, electro-magnetic forces changed into "biotic" energies; all religions are creations of biotic and psychic energies acting as fear, superstition, hope and desire. According to this theory, there is no personal God, just intelligent energy; no spirit-man, just an evolved

super-brute; no future life, for life ceases when brain and heart stop functioning; nothing exists but natural law, energy and matter.

209. *Not one statement* of this "Creed" is sustained by any rightly interpreted fact of science, history, or experience. Every statement in it is based upon a false assumption. Every proposition carried to its logical conclusion serves the purposes of atheism. Yet this is the explanation of nature and of religion that rationalists would substitute for Divine revelation and Christian experience. This is the teaching that materialists would have dominate the thought, purpose, ideals and conduct of the twentieth century. This "Creed" is a smoke-screen, back of which the forces of antichrist are moving, unobserved, to disintegrate the organized Church, and destroy Christianity. — *"THEY SHALL NOT PASS."*

GETTING PERSPECTIVE

210. Turning from the fallacies of materialism, looking through the eyes of Christ, our planet is first seen as a spiritual reality animate with life. Later, it enters upon its cycle of physical manifestation, in which part of its spirit is converted into life-units and part of its ether into ether-units. Then various kinds of atoms are created and elements are aggregated into gases. Life-entities are assembled to form the arche-

types of future types. As the creative period proceeds these created spirit-archetypes become embodied in corresponding, chemicalized, organic bodies, and begin to multiply after their kind.

211. When the first simple forms of plant-life appeared, there were great numbers of each variety. Air and sea swarmed with monads taking advantage of every chance to feed and grow. The warm water and the hot, moist air, laden with combining gases, fostered rapid growth and multiplication of kind. Later, when the larger types of plants and trees appeared, nature was even more prolific; so that vast, primeval forests grew within a few centuries.

212. Likewise, when the lower forms of animal life were becoming embodied, conditions were favorable for swift growth and rapid multiplication of kind. Later, but during the more prolific period of the planet, primal types of animals grew to enormous size, lived long, and brought forth many young.

213. In the original design and creation, there were no carnivora. The animal kingdom subsisted on the vegetable kingdom. But when sin perverted nature, all forms of life were affected; so that abnormal, evil characteristics developed from perverse germinal qualities. Nature, as known to science, is not as created by an all-

wise, all-loving God, and does not fulfill the great purpose of existence, namely, giving full, normal expression to the inherent life-qualities.

214. When the earth passed its zenith of life-giving power, gradually the struggle for existence became a determining factor in stabilizing types and limiting numbers. Many early types disappeared, leaving no descendents. Others persisted, with modifications and differentiation into varieties; while some of the types first to become physicalized, still exist, in seabeds, and are practically identical with their created progenitors.

215. At the time of the planet's great catastrophe, recurring explosions caused the earth to shift; so that parts that had been near the equator became what is now the polar region. At the same time, the earth was thrown into an extremely low temperature. The two conditions caused the drowning and immediate freezing of great numbers of animals, the remains of which are still held in the ice of the suddenly frozen ocean. This cataclysm destroyed a large proportion of all existing life, both vegetable and animal, and greatly reduced the number of types.

216. With the gradual decline of the earth's fertility, the law of natural selection, by the survival of those types best adapted to their

environment, served to exterminate some of the earlier types and to produce new varieties of the surviving types; but in no case in the earth's history has any type "evolved" into something constitutionally different from its originally created, ancestral type.

MISINTERPRETED FACTS

217. Lesson III explained how life-units are generated and correlated to form living entities, which entities embody spirit-qualities that become determiners in created types; also how these determiners were aggregated and correlated according to design to form the archetypes of types to be created; also, that spirit-archetypes are embodied in corresponding physical substance, and that these embodied archetypes constitute the monads, (seed, or beginnings,) of created types. Again, it was pointed out that the constitutional characteristics of each created type inhere in the spirit-qualities that form the determiners; that these germinal determiners give rise to life-functions; and that life-functions build corresponding organs and bodies. Therefore, primal created types composed of similar qualities developed correspondingly similar organisms, even when no relationship obtained.

218. The effort to explain nature without admitting or understanding God and His mani-

festations, has caused sincere scientists to arrive at many false conclusions, which are betraying, not only the scholarship of the world, but its moral and religious leadership. The following brief statements of these misinterpreted facts will serve to correct the principal false conclusions:

SPONTANEOUS GENERATION

219. The primal, created entities of life are inconceivably small, corresponding in size and complexity, in a way, to the various kinds of atoms. The smallest one-celled plants and animals revealed by the microscope contain thousands of life-entities so arranged and correlated as to form highly compound life-energies and complex organisms. Among these swiftly multiplying micro-organisms, new varieties are produced by changes in the character and arrangement of the constituent germinal determiners. The same is true, in a measure, among visible one-celled plants and animals. The appearing of these new varieties has been interpreted as proving spontaneous generation of life and of living organisms from non-living matter. Whereas, the truth is, that all these teeming micro-organisms are composed of created determiners, and are governed by the same laws of multiplication of numbers and varieties that obtain in the larger and more complex types, the

main difference being in the rate of increase and change, which are as much faster as they are smaller.

220. Scientists, by working with organic matter, which always contains life-units and entities, will succeed in producing the conditions necessary for combining life-entities to form living organisms. This triumph will be heralded as a proof of the spontaneous generation of life, also that science has artificially produced life from dead matter. Both of these conclusions will be wrong. The truth is, that they will only have served nature, in its orderly processes. The chemical energies and colloidal structure with which science works are instrumental, only, of life-energies and entities, in building organisms.

PRIMAL TYPES AND FOSSILS

221. The fact that fossils of plants and animals found in various strata of rock, beginning with simple forms in what is considered to be the earlier strata, and more complex forms in what is considered later strata, is interpreted to prove that life began in simple, uniform cells of unknown origin, and that all types that have existed and now exist have evolved from these primal cells during vast epochs of time. Whereas, the truth is, that primal types were created constitutionally different. The simple forms became embodied first. All created types included

similar qualities, differing in number and complexity, which resulted in similarities and dissimilarities. Paleontology affords no reliable history as to dates of the beginning of types; because the various kinds of strata were formed much earlier in some parts of the earth than in others. Instead of, "the record of the rocks" being like the leaves of a great book, with leaf above leaf revealing the history of its age; it is like several books produced at different times, overlapping in contents, each more or less fragmentary, and conflicting in data.

222. In the earliest known periods, plants and animals lived, which were quite unlike those of this age. With succeeding periods, new types appeared, most of which disappeared, leaving no descendants. Finally, types appeared, the fossils of which strongly resemble present types. These and related facts are interpreted to prove the origin of primal types by natural processes, and the evolution of all types by natural causes. Whereas, the truth is, that some of the earliest types to become physicalized, still exist in ocean beds, with but slight modifications. Others of the earliest types survived through long ages and became differentiated into many families and varieties, all of which ultimately disappeared. In later ages, new types appeared by created types becoming physicalized. Some descend-

ants of these became extinct; others survived as the ancestors of existing types. Man became physicalized at a comparatively late date. The greater part of the remains of primitive man are buried under the Atlantic ocean and in desert sand-beds.

SPECIALIZED DEVELOPMENT

223. The causes of new varieties were given in Lesson III. Growth and functional changes in some created types caused specialized development in some parts, and deterioration in others, resulting in remnants of unused parts. The fact of such remnants seeming to resemble corresponding parts in lower species, however, does not prove that the higher has evolved from the lower, or from a common ancestor; but that the higher included constitutional qualities similar to those of the lower.

224. The fact that primal types became differentiated into families, and these into varieties, has been interpreted to prove that all types have evolved from a few rudimentary types. Whereas, the truth is, that created types were constitutionally different, and their inherent qualities continued to determine the distinctive characteristics of all descendants.

225. Since higher types of life include the constitutional qualities of lower types; and since qualities of a given kind tend to produce simi-

larity of functions and structure; the fact that some higher animals have rudimentary parts that resemble corresponding, normal parts, in lower types, in no way supports the theory that the higher have evolved through states that correspond to the lower, or that the higher are related to the lower by descent from a common ancestor.

226. Science teaches that many animals have rudimentary organs and parts that are not used; thus, that a type of snake has rudiments of hind legs within its body; that the whale is equipped with an internal ear like that of land-animals; and that fish that live in dark caves have blind, rudimentary eyes. Such remnants of unused parts are interpreted to prove transmutation of species. Whereas, the truth is, that they only reveal states and modifications through which the created types have passed.

227. The fact, that, by artificial selection and cultural methods, new and improved varieties of plants and animals are constantly being produced, is considered experimental proof that all existing types have evolved from a few, simple, slime-born cells. Whereas, the truth is, that all of these changes are within the possibilities of the constitutional qualities of the created, ancestral types. These new varieties are caused by changes in the germinal determiners, and

constitute new, artificial creations. Discontinuation of the artificial means would eventually result in the loss of the acquired characteristics.

STRUCTURAL RESEMBLANCES

228. The fact, that all animals equipped with back-bones are built on one general plan, and have similar bones, muscles, glands and circulatory systems, is interpreted to prove that all such animals are modified descendants of one, original, ancestral type. Whereas, the truth is, that all created types conform to a few fundamental plans, which are so modified as to give to each variety its individual characteristics.

229. As before stated, functions arise from created determiners. Functional activities produce structure. Wherefore, the more determining qualities that two created types have in common, the more closely will their descendants resemble one another. As words are composed of letters that represent sounds; so created types are composed of life-qualities that give rise to corresponding functions and physical characteristics. As simple words contain but two or more letters, while complex words include many letters and syllables; so the inherent constitution of some primal types included but a few determining qualities, and therefore developed correspondingly simple functions and structure, while others that included many determining qualities

developed correspondingly complex characters.

230. As the words "grave", "gravy", and "gravitation" resemble one another in letters and sounds, yet are in no way related as to origin or meaning; so types having similar constituent determiners developed similar functions and organs, even when no relationship existed. Therefore, the fact that physical man resembles certain animals does not prove relationship by descent; but that man's constitution includes qualities common to such animals.

EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT

231. The fact, that physical man, like all other living organisms, begins individual existence as a microscopical germ-cell, and that all germ-cells look alike under a microscope, is interpreted to prove that man and all primal types started from cells of uniform character. Whereas, the truth is, that the germ-cells of each species are as constitutionally different in qualities and determiners as are the organisms that develop from them. As the human eye fails to reveal the topography of a star; so the microscope fails to reveal the constituent units of a germ-cell.

232. The fact, that the human embryo passes through stages in which some of its parts resemble the parts of certain animals, is interpreted to prove that man's ancestors have evolved through corresponding stages of animal

existence. Whereas, the truth is, that all embryonic life begins growth with a few rudimentary determiners, and increases in complexity of structure as other determiners begin to function. By this law of growth, the embryos of all higher species pass through stages in which they resemble lower species. But these resemblances result from the growth of life-qualities that they have in common with lower types, and do not prove that the higher have evolved from the lower, or that all types began with simple, uniform cells. In building a house, whether cottage or mansion, the first thing is foundation. The cottage stops with one floor, few windows and doors; the mansion goes on until it has several floors, and many windows and doors. Scaffolding is used that later is torn down. Likewise, simple forms of life begin with rudimentary qualities and stop when these have been built into functions and structure; while higher forms begin with rudimentary qualities, but go on with the higher, complex qualities, in the development of which, parts are formed that later disappear.

CHILDREN AND CHILD RACES

233. The fact that infants yawn, cling with their hands and walk on all fours, as do baboons, is interpreted to prove that man's ancestral history included a baboon state. Whereas, the

truth is, that an infant begins with rudimentary activities common to lower forms of life, and comes gradually to the higher forms of activity that are distinctly human. This law of growth and behaviour is not a proof of relationship.

234. The fact that some children and youths manifest traits of cruelty, which are later outgrown, is interpreted to prove that mankind has ascended from animals through a period of savagery, and has later acquired the characteristics of civilization. Whereas, the truth is, that all normal children begin in the inexperienced innocence that characterized the race before its fall, and, through the expression of inherent, perverse tendencies, violate moral laws. They pass through a period that corresponds, in a measure, to the age of human degeneracy and cruelty that followed the fall. Later, they come to express the characteristics acquired by the race through education and religious influences.

235. The fact of child-like, diminutive, sub-human and savage peoples, is interpreted to prove man's ascent from animal ancestors akin to the apes. Whereas, the truth is, that such peoples are products of degeneracy and isolation. Some are gaining, through contact with civilized people; others are becoming extinct. The ages have not converted apes into men; but degeneracy has reduced whole races to a

state below the level of the brute. A few generations of isolation and in-breeding of the feeble-minded families of America would produce a sub-human type, lower in intelligence and instinctive behavior than any of the existing, uncivilized peoples. Child-like and savage people are not a revelation of what the race was like when it first emerged from a pre-human, animal state, as evolutionists teach; but of what mankind can become through sin and degeneracy, isolation and in-breeding.

BLOOD-TESTS

236. In recent years the results of blood-tests have been presented as positive proof of blood-relationship between all animals, and between man and apes. Once more a false premise has caused a wrong interpretation of facts, and has betrayed scientists into false conclusions. Had scientists known the primal cause of blood-characteristics; why the blood of all members of a species is much the same; why species that closely resemble in physical characteristics have blood of corresponding similarity; and why human blood is more like the blood of some animals than others; "blood-tests" would never have been introduced to prove blood-relationship between different species.

237. The truth is, that the blood of every species is according to the constitutional life-

qualities peculiar to the species. As previously explained, qualities inhere in the primal life-units. Combined qualities produce germinal determiners, which are the causes of functions, and determine the characteristics and structure of a created type. As are the germinal characteristics of a species, so will be its blood. The more closely two species are alike in constitutional qualities, the stronger will be their blood affinities. Therefore, since qualities originate in the created life-units, and since created types included many of the same qualities, the fact of blood-affinities and similarities between all animals, and between certain animals and man, in no way proves blood-relationship, or descent from common ancestry. NO SCIENTIST WILL DISPROVE THE TRUTH OF THIS EXPLANATION.

238. What is known as the "Precipitation test", made by developing "anti-bodies" in the blood of animals and of men by injecting blood-serum, reveals neither the degree of similarity, nor proves blood-relationship. In the first place, blood-serum is not blood. It contains neither the vital principle nor the essential organic chemistry of blood. In the second place, those who have studied the records of these tests for the past twenty years have found the results so irregular, conflicting and unreliable as to be practically worthless in determining the degree of

relationship between species. As the analysis of protoplasm, no matter from what it is taken, shows much the same chemistry, and does not reveal the distinguishing bodily characteristics; so "blood-tests" made from sera do not reveal the *vital* characteristics of organisms, or the degree of their relationship.

239. Physical man has constitutional qualities common to apes and other animals; but, as explained in Lesson IV, these qualities were in the created archetype, and have descended from the primal type. Primitive man's qualities became perverted and sensualized during the long period of degeneracy. This abnormal state still obtains, in a degree, and accentuates the similarities between man and animals, but in no way proves blood-relationship to, or descent from, a common ancestor with any animal that now exists, or ever has existed. If evolutionists were as eager to establish blood-relationship with the Son of God, for themselves and those who accept their teaching, as they are to prove their animal pedigree, they would render a much greater service, both to science and to humanity.

THE APE-MAN

240. The effort of evolutionists to discover a connecting link between man and a sub-human ancestor has not only proved futile, but has led to misrepresentation of facts. Patching together

a few fragments of bone, of doubtful origin, to conform to the shape of an inferior human skull, and then moulding an ape-face on this created skull, to complete the imaginary link connecting man and apes, is one of the greatest frauds ever perpetrated in the name of Science. The publication of pictures of these false creations, representing progressive changes from ape to a high type of man, and the placing of plaster casts of the originals in schools, libraries and museums, to be studied, and accepted as authentic by millions who do not know the facts, constitute an educational crime of tremendous significance.

241. The statue of "Pithecanthropus Erectus," (meaning ape-man standing erect), exhibited in the Museum of Natural History, New York City, as the connecting link between anthropoid apes and primitive man, is a revelation of the extremes to which evolutionists are willing to go, to connect mankind with the brutes. Pithecanthropus was made from a piece of skull-cap pronounced by eminent scientists to be of simian origin; two molar teeth that do not resemble human teeth sufficiently to confirm their human origin; and a piece of a human thigh-bone, discovered about one hundred feet away from the other bones. All the rest of this wonderful exhibit was "evolved" in the brain of its maker.

Yet there it stands in that great museum, as a representative of a supposedly pre-human *race*(!); a perpetual mute liar, suggestively witnessing to a falsehood. This creation is a disgrace to Science, a hindrance to education, an insult to those who know the facts, and a dishonor to God, and to man created in the image of God.

THE TREE OF LIFE HOAX

242. Literature on evolution represents nature as a great tree of life, beginning in slime-born cells in ocean beds, and growing through millions of years, branching into various orders, families, genera, species and varieties of flora and fauna, and ultimating with man as the highest product and crowning glory of organic evolution.

This figure is subtly misleading. It does not represent the facts. "The record of the rocks" shows a succession of "missing links", the disappearance of some species, and the sudden appearance of highly organized types, of which man was the last and the greatest.

243. The fact that recent textbooks of science make the evolutionary hypothesis the basis of explaining all organic changes, both progressive and retrogressive, is interpreted to prove that the case for evolution is forever closed, and that "only the bigoted and the uneducated reject the

theory." Whereas, the truth is, that many scientists, scholars, and others acquainted with all the facts and arguments, reject the theory; not because it conflicts with their religious beliefs, but because *it does not explain nature*. It begins with an assumption, concludes with many important facts unexplained, and misinterprets the facts it presumes to explain. The truth is, that no rightly interpreted fact of science or of history supports the theory that all types have evolved from chemically produced cells, and are related by descent; or that the human race has evolved from animal ancestors.

244. This final statement comes from a heart of Love, with an appeal to Christians to know the Lord, and share His wisdom. Also, to those who will not receive His testimony comes the challenge to disprove by facts the teaching presented in these lessons; or to play fair with themselves and the public, and stop teaching a false and harmful theory in the name of Science. This is the will of God; that every man shall come to the Light, perceive the Truth; abide in it and assist in overcoming darkness with Light.

LESSON VII.

CREATION vs. EVOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

245. For twenty-five hundred years, spiritually blind philosophers have been trying to account for the universe without God. This effort is as unscientific as to presume to account for daylight without the sun. God is the ONE supreme, persistent Reality of the universe. Nature is not something God has set in motion and then left to run itself. God is the constant Cause of the laws and forces that produce and sustain nature; even as a man's spirit is the constant cause of the vital processes of his body. Without the spirit the body would quickly disintegrate. Without God all nature would dissolve. The persistency of the ever-present God is revealed in the permanency of natural laws. The personality of God is revealed in the purposeful choice, selective activities, calculating intelligence and directing volition of beings made in the image, and serving in the expression, of God. Christ Jesus is God's expressed image, the manifestation and revelation of Divine personality.

246. The Son of God, Who formed our planet and created all things therein, came down from the Throne-Center of our system, to redeem the human race and re-create it in the Divine image. He made possible Christian civilization, with all its blessings. His persistent presence in the members of His Body, in the Truth recorded in Scripture, in the ideals He established, and in the personal Holy Spirit, is GOD WITH US.

247. Seeing the Truth, what folly, what self-imposed ignorance, what lack of appreciation for the benefits of His ministry, to presume to deny God and reject the leadership of His Son! Only spiritually blind, mentally distorted, sensualized mortals CAN doubt the presence of God. Even devils recognized Jesus Christ as the Son of God Whom they had known in the Heavens.

248. Those who substitute "Theism" and Divine Immanence" for atheism and physical energy, as cause and means of creation, take a long stride in the right direction. But when they accept the evolutionary theory as God's way of creating all things, including man and Christianity, they deceive themselves, and mislead those they presume to instruct. That form of theistic evolution that dispenses with the personal God, the Deity of Christ, and the facts of vital Christianity, is like the subtlety of a serpent, which first charms its prey and then devours.

THE EVOLUTIONARY THEORY

249. The theory of organic evolution was advocated by pagan philosophers as early as 600 B. C. Arising from spiritual blindness, it has tended to produce this affliction in those who have accepted it. It has always appealed to unilluminated reason as desirable knowledge, supposed to explain all natural phenomena, but in fact explaining nothing fundamental or ultimate. It has gripped the modern mind as exceeding and correcting Divine revelation. When the facts are understood, nature is seen to be, not the product of evolution, but a creation, with persistent orderly change.

250. To create, means, to cause to exist. A milliner designs a new hat; then she reproduces her mental creation in appropriate materials. Everything man has produced was first a mental creation. Likewise everything in nature was first a creation in the mind of God. Nature, in the beginning, was the objectified expression of God's purposeful creations.

251. An inventor creates a machine. Later he improves it by creating new parts. He adapts it to new requirements by alterations and additions. The first machine did not "evolve" itself; it was a creation. The new parts and alterations did not evolve; they were new creations. Nature is God's creation. Additions and alter-

ations resulting in orderly change are successive new creations by the Creator, working through created laws and forces.

252. This word, "evolution", which means the act of unfolding from within is used by biologists to describe a supposed process by which a species has acquired the bodily and functional characteristics that distinguish it from others. It is also used as synonymous with growth, or development from within by vital processes. With the growth of the evolutionary idea, current speech and literature have strained this little word to include all orderly change, natural and artificial, in things animate and inanimate.

253. In violation of all laws of language, the word, "evolution" is used to represent opposite processes and conditions. Thus planets that are forming and those that are declining; species that are increasing in size, complexity, or variety, and those that are decreasing; all are alike spoken of as "evolving". Again, we read of the evolution of the locomotive, of the air-plane and the radio. Yet none of the progressive changes in these inventions were unwound, unfolded, or developed from within by vital processes. This strained usage of the word is a great convenience in careless speech, and serves to describe progressive changes in general.

254. In scientific and educational circles, also

in popular literature, the theory of evolution has become a convenient fetish, worshiped for its magical explanation of natural phenomena without conceding the fact of a Creator. When one is delivered from the spell of this enchantment, the whole theory of organic evolution is seen as a rope-of-sand that breaks at every point tested by Truth.

255. Reader: do your own thinking; face the facts. The earth is not evolving; it is condensing and deteriorating. Some of its elements are disintegrating. It has less heat-energy and vitality than formerly. The present plant and animal types are inferior in size and rate of growth, as compared with those of earlier ages. Many species are becoming extinct.

256. Now, begin with fundamentals:

(a) Spiritual laws and energies do not evolve; they are generated and proceed from Centers of Divine manifestation.

(b) Natural laws and energies do not evolve; they are produced and sustained by spiritual laws and forces.

(c) Motion did not begin in matter; it is a continuous effect of Divine manifestation, and is communicated to nature by spirit-energies.

(d) Electrons did not evolve; they were created by spirit-produced heat, from the primordial ether.

(e) Atoms did not evolve; they were created by the correlation of electrons with spirit-nuclei.

(f) The sun did not evolve; it was created by spiritual energies from a generative Throne-Center of God.

(g) Gases do not evolve; they are aggregations and combinations of elements.

(h) The planets did not evolve; they were created by the condensation of gases within rotating spirit-spheres.

(i) The life-units of nature did not evolve; they were created from the mundane spirit by the generative activities of Divine Life-entities.

(j) Primal types did not evolve; they were created by the aggregation and correlation of life-units.

(k) Bodily functions and organs did not evolve; they were produced by the activities of qualities in the germinal determiners of created archetypes.

(l) New varieties do not evolve; they are created by new combinations and modifications of germinal determiners in created types.

(m) Higher, complex types of life did not evolve from lower, simpler types; but both the higher and the lower have developed according to their inherent constitutions, and have differentiated into varieties by modifications of their germinal determiners.

(n) Man's physical nature did not evolve from brute ancestors; but was a distinct creation capable of expressing spiritual qualities not found in any animal.

(o) Man's spiritual nature did not evolve, but was created as an archetype from spirit-qualities peculiar to celestial beings.

(p) Man's ideas of God, Divine law, and religious aspirations did not evolve; but were created by Divine Revelation and Inspiration.

(q) Christianity did not evolve; it is a creation by the manifestation of the incarnate Son of God, redeeming, regenerating and indwelling man, and expressing Himself in and through man.

(r) The theory of organic evolution did not evolve; it was created in the darkened minds of unspiritual men to account for nature without God.

(s) The theistic theory of evolution did not evolve; it was created by theologians to harmonize religion with the theory of organic evolution.

257. This review is not a contention about a word; but a declaration of a supreme fact, i. e., that the beginnings of all things, the differentiation of all forms of life, and the orderly changes of nature, are all defined by the word,

"creation"; and none of them are rightly defined by the word, "evolution".

258. Never until scientists dismiss the false theory of all things evolving by natural causes and processes, and grasp the truth of, "In the beginning, God", and of God's creative program with continuous orderly change, will they rightly interpret the facts of nature, or have a sound basis for scientific research and development. As a man's involuntary functional activities are as much a part of his personality as are his purposeful acts; so God's persistent cosmic activities, by which nature is produced and sustained, are as much a part of His manifestation as are His purposeful expressions of Love, justice and wisdom. When one knows Christ and shares His spiritual perception, one perceives all nature, its laws, forces, processes and results, as modified effects of spiritual causes that have their source in God.

EFFECTS OF EVOLUTION

259. "A tree is known by its fruits". The time has come to judge both the validity and the effects of the evolutionary hypothesis by what it is producing. Neither science nor religion can support a lie without giving it power to do evil. It would require a large volume to reveal the evil effects of the evolutionary theory to date. It is credited with having been highly influential in

producing the psychological conditions that brought on the world war. Carried to its logical conclusion, the doctrine of the survival of the fittest makes war the inevitable means of deciding what nations and peoples shall dominate. Its philosophy is the opposite of Christ's program of Love, sacrifice and service, as the means of highest attainment for men and nations.

260. Whatever good may be claimed for the theory, it is *both unscientific and unchristian*. It is incapable of producing a high degree of morals, or of sustaining a righteous civilization. Imagine what would become of American institutions and ideals if all citizens accepted what thousands of college-trained men and women are accepting: i. e., that man is a super-brute; that religion is superstition; that there is no God and no life after death, no authority but custom, and no rule of conduct but expediency. Let the advocates of this false philosophy ponder this question, then answer to their conscience and to the rising generation.

261. The Statesmen who laid the foundation of the American government made Christianity the chief corner-stone. Today this corner-stone is being undermined by educational institutions that they made possible. The Word of God, in which they put their trust, is now ridiculed by

the beneficiaries of their sacrifices. The faith in God that gave them victory is fast being supplanted by faith in a Godless theory that threatens to defeat national righteousness.

262. When men, betrayed by false thinking, no longer believe in Divine authority; when they no longer respect the sacredness of virtue, marriage and parentage; when cold, calculating intelligence, unrestrained by religious conviction, controls conduct; then national honor is doomed.

263. Christian principles are fundamental to righteous citizenship and government. Materialism and infidelity, clothed with the respectability of science and rationalism, have combined to destroy faith in the supernatural, in the reality of things spiritual, and in the verities of vital Christianity.

EVOLUTION AND EDUCATION

264. The evolutionary theory *has bound* science and scientists to a false interpretation of known facts. Every newly discovered fact is made to fit into the theory, or the theory is stretched to include the fact; thus new knowledge is distorted at its inception. No man can estimate the ultimate effects of this evil.

265. The human-animal idea has produced a literature vile with unwholesome suggestions, alluring situations and degenerate characters. It

extols the courage of brute-instinct and the victories of social lawlessness. These morbid concepts reproduce their kind in those who respond to them. What could be more destructive of individual and national righteousness?

266. The evolutionary theory has betrayed educators, causing the teaching of much that is not only untrue, but ethically harmful. From false knowledge comes false thinking, conclusions and conduct. Teaching students that man descended from the brute, has weakened their faith in, and respect for, Divine authority. It has inhibited the prayer life and spiritual growth of millions.

267. A talented senior co-ed, born of Christian parents, speaking for her group, said: "We do not believe in Divine authority. There is no law but custom." Fortunately this does not represent the prevailing ideals of university women. But to the measure that faith in God decreases, will such ideals increase? A young man, home from a State University, finding his Father reading the Bible for its consoling hope of reunion with the recently departed Wife and Mother, said: "Dad, the Bible's a myth. Man has evolved from brutes. This idea of life after death is BUNK. Forget it. Go out and have a good time." That boy was brought up in a Christian home.

Many students return from colleges to repudiate the Truth they learned in Bible schools.

268. Prayer, praise and gratitude are as necessary to the growth of the human soul as warmth, moisture and sun-light are to the growth of plants. A soul that does not pray becomes dwarfed, materialistic and sensualized. As the ether is ever vibrant with radio music and message; so the cosmic spirit is ever dynamic with helpful vibrations that proceed from God. Divine Love, will and intelligence are ever available, and tend to reproduce their equivalents in receptive souls. Prayer opens man's spiritual heart to receive the energies of God. Whatever hinders faith or inhibits prayer or de-spiritualizes conscience, weakens character and fosters lawlessness. *A prayerless America would become morally insolvent within fifty years.*

269. It is said that among faculty men of the principal universities of America, approximately three-fourths of the biologists, sociologists and psychologists do not believe in God or in a future life. Why should they? They have reached the logical conclusion of this false theory. They are victims of the evolutionary philosophy. They reproduce their own deplorable state in the minds of students. Not one of these unbelieving educators is scientific in his attitude toward Jesus Christ, or things spiritual; not one has

pursued the methods of the laboratory, of experimentally proving Divine revelation. To be sure, they "are not teaching Christianity"; but they are insinuating anti-Christianity. And no educator, and no university, can communicate sufficient knowledge of the facts of science to justify destroying a student's faith in God, and hope of eternal Life.

270. Young men and women: the new age belongs to you. Education without religion gives no assurance of good citizenship. Institutions that make infidels of students are a menace to society and the state. America's principal educational institutions were founded by Christian men to perpetuate Christian education and ideals. Today, betrayed inheritors of these sacrificial gifts are disseminating theories that strike at the root of Christian character and institutions.

271. Get perspective: go back nineteen hundred years. See the world as Jesus saw it:—False leadership, false social conditions, slavery, injustice, sensuality, cruelty, cunning, poverty and suffering everywhere. On the Cross, He provided a way of escape from sin and its consequences, and became the Way to eternal Life, liberty and righteousness for all mankind. Now see the light of burning Martyrs illumining the way to Christian civilization and righteous

progress. Finally, see the Pilgrim Fathers enduring hardship, danger and death, to establish a government on Christian principles. Today, unchristian scholars, speaking in the name of Science, are claiming the right to substitute a Godless philosophy and an unproved theory for Christian ideals and provable Truth; are claiming the right to destroy the results of nineteen hundred years of love and sacrifice, of faith and heroism; are claiming the right to hurl civilization back into blind materialism, atheism, animalism, and the rule of brute force.

272. Young people: in the Name of the suffering Savior; in the memory of burning Martyrs and self-sacrificing Pilgrims, the Spirit of the Master is calling you to serve Him in crushing the head of this serpent that is betraying educators, and defiling Christian institutions. CLAIM YOUR BIRTHRIGHT OF LIBERTY AND FREE SPEECH. Put your strength and courage, your love and devotion, into destroying this mental monster that is robbing you and your descendents of a God-given Christian heritage. Be true to yourselves and posterity; that Science may be purged; that Truth may abound; that Righteousness may reign; that Christian civilization may survive, and progress Godward be realized by all peoples and nations.

EVOLUTION AND PSYCHOLOGY

273. The evolutionary theory has produced a psychology based on the false idea that all of man's mental, emotional, volitional, devotional and religious aspirations have been evolved from brute-instinct. It explains man as a super-brute, and denies or explains away what it cannot trace to the brute.

274. Later application of the theory has produced a religious psychology and a psychology of religion that is *not* religious, and does not rightly interpret Scripture or the source and nature of religious emotions, aspirations and experiences. Interpreting religious experiences in terms of "auto-suggestion", "hallucination", etc. is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, and an insult to every Christian. This fallacious teaching is responsible for the neglect of many Christians to strive for and experience the deeper works of grace.

275. As explained in Lesson IV, the constitution of man includes a higher spiritual nature, and a lower, creaturely nature. Man's rational intelligence, spiritual perception, aspiration and inspiration, religious sentiment, and capacity to love, worship and know God, come from the activities of man's higher nature, and are not shared by the lower, creaturely nature, only as reflected in its sensations. Wherefore, when the

science of mind is limited to brain and nerve reactions, it neither explains all the facts, nor rightly interprets those it presumes to explain. One had better be as ignorant of psychology as a pup is of geometry, than accept the fallacy that man's higher mind has evolved from brute-intelligence, or the chemical, mechanical theory of "behaviorism", which makes man an automaton, and the thrills of sense-reactions the goal of existence. When journalists, authors, teachers and preachers disseminate the psychological and sociological ideas and ideals that have oozed from the brains of materialists, they unwittingly become servants of antichrist, and betray those who accept their teaching.

276. School text-books on psychology affirm that man is an animal; then proceed to explain man as a super-animal. The effect of this teaching on students is to destroy confidence in the spiritual reality of man; in the law of chastity; in religious experiences, and in life after death. Observations prove that increase in acceptance of the human animal idea is attended by corresponding decrease in respect for purity, and the sacredness of marriage and parentage. What could be more deplorable and demoralizing? What could be a greater menace to social righteousness and Christian civilization?

EVOLUTION AND PHILOSOPHY

277. The philosophy that all nature, forms of life, and peoples, are progressing and must progress by inherent forces, inspires false hopes, and gives confidence in the fallacy that unregenerate humanity will ultimately attain the ideal revealed in Jesus Christ, and produce a kingdom of heaven on the earth.

278. This false philosophy assumes an innate divinity in man, which, by evolution, will eventually overcome all evil with good. It appropriates to fallen, unregenerate man the Divine nature revealed in Jesus Christ, denying that spirit-man ever fell. Whereas, the truth is, that no unregenerate person has Divine Life, much less the presence and power of the Holy Ghost necessary for attaining the Christian ideal. SOCIAL REGENERATION IS POSSIBLE ONLY BY INDIVIDUAL REGENERATION.

279. The whole system of un-Christian culture and social education is unscientific. An ungrafted apple-tree can produce only the fruit of the seedling, no matter how carefully cultivated. The human seedling has in it the sequences of race-sin and weakness, and cannot be cultured into the Christian ideal. The Divine Life cannot be evolved; it must be en-grafted by regeneration, to produce Christian character. Substituting organic evolution and ethical culture, for

regeneration and growth in grace, is a reversion to pre-Christian ideals and methods, and must tend to produce pre-Christian conditions. The trend of present-day culture is toward the physical and intellectual ideals that obtained in ancient Greece and Rome, with corresponding ethical and social tendencies.

EVOLUTION AND CHRISTIANITY

280. The progressive acceptance of the theory of organic evolution has resulted in a corresponding decline of faith in the supernatural origin and character of Christianity; also in the substitution of a purely natural, cultural, humanitarian, social service system of ethics, lacking all that is distinctly Christian, and incapable of accomplishing the purposes of Christianity.

281. The whole antichrist movement within the Church is the outgrowth of applying the evolutionary philosophy to Divine revelation and Christian experience. It denies revealed Truth in the name of Science and scholarship, and substitutes a theory that is neither scientific nor scholarly. Search America from ocean to ocean, and you will not find one scientist, teacher, or preacher, engaged in disseminating this false knowledge, who knows God experientially, or is scientific in his attitude toward Jesus Christ.

282. Antichrist, professing great wisdom, is propagating a naturalism that does not explain

nature; a rationalism that is irrational; a theory of science that is unscientific; a philosophy that is without a proven premise or an ultimate conclusion; and a theology that dishonors God, belittles Christ Jesus, exalts the human ego, and is utterly ineffective as a means to spiritual progress.

283. Antichrist has made puppets of near-scientists, and used them to disseminate materialism. He has made monkeys of agnostic teachers, and induced them to chatter to children about their simian ancestors. He has made owls of materialistic journalists, and keeps them hooting about natural laws, and evolution explaining everything; when they know no more about the causes of nature than do their feathered brothers. He has made donkeys of school-made preachers, and set them braying about "higher values", "ethical culture", "human service" and the "ideals of Jesus", while denying His Divine origin and nature, the validity of His miracles, the efficacy of His atonement, the fact of His resurrection, and His gift of eternal Life. Not one of these servants of antichrist is scientific in his attitude toward spiritual realities. Not one is fair with himself, or the constituency he serves. Their measure of sincerity adds to their zeal and effectiveness in misleading others. When they know the Christ they will turn from

this antichrist propaganda as from a venomous serpent.

284. Antichrist-theology is giving to the world a sham Christianity. It is taking away the Tree of Life, with its soul-sustaining spiritual fruits, and substituting an enticing picture of the Tree. The substitute is as powerless to accomplish the works of the Reality as is the photograph of a dead soldier-boy to comfort and support his bereaved, dependent Mother. This antichrist movement within the church is a smoke-screen, back of which Satan, the age-long adversary of the Son of God, is marshalling forces for the coming crisis. Satan is dividing the Church through internal strife, and thereby weakening its power to serve Christ.

285. The antichrist enterprise subsists on the wealth, prestige and membership of the Church that has been produced by Scriptural Christianity. The antichrist-theology appeals to the human ego, with a: Come on, fellows, let's destroy the old Book, and build a *modern* church founded on the ideals of Jesus and the new knowledge of Science. We will accept the sayings of Jesus in so far as they agree with our thinking, but reject His Deity, vicarious atonement, resurrection, and all else that is supernatural.

286. Christ-Jesus yearns to communicate the

Truth to all scholars; that He may save them from betrayal by antichrist propaganda. *No in-Christed, God-taught soul can be an evolutionist.* Whoever knows the Creator believes in creation and in Divine revelation. Scholarly agnosticism and intellectual egotism are not signs of advanced, scientific knowledge; but proof of ignorance of spiritual realities. The betrayed dupes of antichrist that substitute ethical culture and humanitarianism for regeneration and Christian service, are under the illusion that they constitute the advance guard of a new-age religion. Whereas, the truth is, that they have lost THE WAY; they are in a mental fog that hinders spiritual perception; they have unwittingly become false prophets, betraying those who receive their teaching.

287. The Lord said to His servant: "Call men to account for their sin against the Holy Ghost, in forsaking the Light of God, given through inspiration by the Spirit of Truth, and taking the light of men and their own false lights for their guide in thought, teaching, work and service. Say to them: When ye lacked knowledge, ye did not ask of God; but turned to men, and accepted the lies of antichrist, and taught them in contradiction to the Word of God. Antichrist is your inspiration and dictator. You believe his lies and worship his wisdom. You devote

yourselves to disseminating his fallacies, and find satisfaction in the thought of being wise, liberal, up-to-date. You are these in the ranks of the enemy of Christ. But in the sight of God, you are dupes, willing slaves, chess-men in the hands of Satan, playing his game of deception and destruction against Jesus Christ, Who died for you; Who lives, loves, and yearns to deliver you, clothe you with His righteousness, and bring you into the love, peace and presence of God."

288. Again, the Lord said: "Sound this warning: Hear ye! Hear ye! all peoples who believe in Jesus as a Prophet, a Revelator, a Worker of miracles, a Healer and Benefactor, and mighty man of holy example and precept; yet who reject His Deity as the Son of God, the efficacy of His Blood-Atonement, His miracle at Pentecost, and His persistent presence in His people in the Holy Ghost. Hear ye! for ye have no part or lot in His Kingdom. Neither shall ye be counted worthy to stand with Him in the awful day of affliction, when He shall come with His angels, and the multitudes of holy Saints that have suffered and died for Him. You shall be counted as blind leaders, exalting human wisdom and the deductions of reason above the revelations of God. You shall be counted as those who, having the Light of the eternal Son offered you, rejected that Light for your own light, which is

darkness in the presence of God. Your suffering will not be as the suffering of those who have done violently, lived wickedly, wronging themselves and their fellows, (for such have given themselves over to Satan and fulfilled their mission as instruments of evil); but you shall be afflicted with that terror of the night, when the Light of God is cut off from a soul; with blindness and bitterness, remorse and sorrow, suffering of conscience and deep humiliation that you should have presumed to follow after the opinions of men and the wisdom of your own finite mind, after being shown the Wisdom of God, and the Way of Salvation through and in His Son, Jesus Christ."

289. Christianity and Christian civilization will both stand or fall by the acceptance or the rejection of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. His own words, reverberating down the centuries, are His challenge to this age: "He that is not for Me is against Me," "I am from above," "I came down from Heaven," "I came to do the Will of Him that sent Me," "I am the resurrection and the Life," "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Facing the Cross, He said: "For this cause came I into the world." Having redeemed mankind by His sacrificial Blood, He proclaimed from the Cross: "IT IS FINISHED." That declaration is the hope of mankind. Those who

deny His Deity; His atonement; His resurrection, and power to give eternal Life, deny HIM; and by no word of Scripture, fact, or experience, have a right to the name, Christian, or a claim to membership in Christ's Kingdom.

290. Reader: To whom will you give your allegiance, Christ the Saviour, or antichrist the destroyer? You cannot accept the teachings of both; for they are irreconcilable. You cannot support the purposes of both; for they are antagonistic. You cannot remain neutral; for this is impossible. You can afford to sacrifice all for Christ and human betterment.

291. The voice of the Spirit is calling for positive, consecrated Christians. Come, you lovers of Truth and righteousness. Come, you men of faith and courage. Come, you followers of the crucified, conquering Christ. For the sake of souls betrayed by the great deceiver; for the love of God and man; for the triumph of Christian civilization, world peace and progress; RUSH THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS EVIL. Make Truth and Love dynamic, until the destructive work of antichrist is overthrown, the finished work of Calvary vindicated; and all peoples and all nations have crowned the Saviour of mankind, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

SUPPLEMENT

CHRIST'S CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Christ Jesus is creating an unsectarian Church, of which He is the Head, the Heart and the Life. All members of this Church are vitally related to Himself. The goal of membership is to be one with Christ in Life, Love, Motive, Purpose, Action and Achievement. This goal is realized by cooperating with Christ in experiencing progressive works of grace; that He may become all in all, and use the regenerate, transformed, consecrated personality in accomplishing His purposes.

Denominational Christianity has disseminated Christian teaching. It has vindicated the power of the Gospel to grip the minds and hearts of all types of people. It has laid the foundation for a world-wide Church and placed the cornerstone: faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour, Teacher, Example and Spiritual Leader of mankind. Now the time has come for the spiritual quickening, and union of all Christians with Christ; that they may be one Body, animate with one Spirit; and that Christ, the One in all, may produce oneness of purpose, understanding, experience and enterprise.

REVEALED SPIRITUAL SCIENCE

The Bible is the text-book of Christianity. Much of its contents is historical and prophetic, and must be taken on authority. But the essential facts about God, man, sin, redemption, regeneration, grace, faith, and the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit, are experientially knowable. These fundamentals of vital Christianity should be taught, not only as Divine revelation, but as demonstrable Truth.

TRUTH IS ALWAYS DOGMATIC. A rule in mathematics cannot be changed by the decrees of any number of mathematicians. The same is true of spiritual verities and rules of life; they are not alterable by human opinions or church councils. Right belief is a necessary means to Christian experience. Thus, one must believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, and in the efficacy of His vicarious atonement to experience forgiveness of sin, and regeneration, without which no one becomes a Christian. Again, one must believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit and in His gifts of grace, to experience them; without which no one can live the Christ-Life. Wherefore, the laws, principles and processes whereby one experiences vital union with Christ, grows in grace, and appropriates Divine gifts, should be taught as science, with definite working methods for cooperating with the Holy Spirit in every progressive change.

Christianity is failing to produce a transformed, spiritualized people; because it has no science of working with Christ in putting off the

old sin-self, and realizing the substitution of the Christ-Life and character. The Master said: "If any man will do His (God's) will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." Doing is the means to experiential knowledge. A teacher of mathematics does not ask pupils to believe rules and principles; but to learn and apply them in solving problems. By this practice they get a working knowledge of the science of mathematics. The same methods should be applied to revealed spiritual science. Theological schools should teach the science of knowing and working with God.

What does it profit a man to believe the Bible, if he does not practice its teachings? If all who believe the Scriptures demonstrated that part of Scriptural teaching that is experientially knowable, the churches would soon be filled with earnest persons wanting to know the Lord, and experience His transforming power. Under the present régime, comparatively few believers prove Divine revelation, or apply its principles in solving life's problems. Wherefore, few know the Truth they believe, or have a working knowledge of the science of Christianity.

The ordinary Christian teaching and practice serve only to help one to conform to certain ideals. Whereas, true teaching and practice enable one to become transformed by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Many church-members mistake their beliefs, good intentions and church-connections for Christianity; then wonder why they do not get more satisfaction

and help from their efforts. Millions are being robbed of the riches of grace because they do not know how to get self out of the way; how to raise the blinds, receive the Light and Life of Christ.

Substituting art, culture, psychology and social service for vital Christianity, is like giving a child a toy when it is crying for needed food. These human substitutes interest and educate, but do not satisfy, or vitalize, the soul with Divine Life. Christian education that merely informs the objective mind cannot take the place of heart-wisdom and experience. Bible study that does not inspire love for God, and desire to do His will, comes short of its supreme purpose.

In the last analysis, the value of Christian education and the proof of Christian experience is not Bible knowledge, not belief, not emotion, not even conviction of stewardship; but intelligent, persistent heart-choice and determination to serve Christ in doing the Father's will in all things. Love, faith, knowledge, experience and conviction are proven by obedience. Jesus said: "I always do the things that please the Father." Facing the Cross, He said: "Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done." This is the key to Christ's power and victory on the Cross. By this act of obedience, the Father's will, the supreme power of the universe, became manifest in the Son. To abide in Christ's Love, share in His relationship to the Father, and KNOW HIS POWER, one must make the doing of God's will preeminent in thought, motive, purpose and ac-

tion. This is not sentiment, but science. The power of God is manifest in His will. To be instrumental of Divine power, one must will and do in line with God's will.

DIVINE LOVE ENERGY

Divine Love is the primal working energy of the spiritual universe. It is the dominant motive and rule of action in all Divine achievements. It was the spring source of the Divine plan for redeeming, re-creating and spiritualizing mankind. The Son of God became incarnate, as an expression of Divine Love to man, and a revelation of the law of Divine Love manifest in man. Jesus made Love the test of discipleship, the proof of regeneration, the working energy for overcoming evil and demonstrating Christianity. The Church made a fatal mistake in changing from the Love-test to the belief-test, in determining Christian experience and fitness for membership. This error lowered the standard of Christian experience, requirements and achievements. It made possible church connection while persisting in self and selfishness; made possible diversity of belief, discord, destructive criticism, churchanity, and a form of religious piety without godliness. It robbed Christ of a constituency through which to express His Love to mankind.

Divine Love manifest in the heart neutralizes selfishness. It casts out fear, worry, greed, vanity, in chastity, jealousy, hatred, and the petty perversions of human nature. Divine Love is the essence of all virtues, the inspiration of

righteous thinking, willing and doing. It radiates joy and makes goodness natural. Divine Love is the means to conscious union and communion with God. Without it, faith is powerless, prayer a mockery, and effort ineffective. Out of the fire of Divine Love comes illumination, seership, spiritual understanding, and the Christ-consciousness. Divine Love given expression protects the weak, directs the strong, provides for the needy, and makes wealth serve the purposes of God. Divine Love is the basis of mutual helpfulness, righteous cooperation, industrial harmony, true democracy, national and international peace and prosperity.

Divine Love demands and enforces justice. Obedience to Divine law is necessary to receiving the full benefit of Divine Love. Obedience is a primal law of the universe. God never violates His own laws. God's Son was obedient unto death. Every atom in the universe is obedient to the laws of gravitation and chemical affinity. Every plant and animal is obedient to the laws of nature as a necessity to life and growth. Only fallen angels, devils and perverse human beings are willfully disobedient. The current fallacy, that children must have liberty for lawless expression, to develop their individuality, is one of the most harmful doctrines ever taught in the name of psychology. No child develops normal individuality, personality, or character, by the lawless expression of impulses. It is controlled, directed energy, that accomplishes things in this world. It is action in har-

mony with natural and spiritual laws that produces men and women of ability and dependability.

Unwise, sentimental parents allow disobedience in their children and thus foster lawlessness. Unwise tolerance and public sentimentality hinder law enforcement and promote vice and crime. *Justice is love expressed in law.* Making license of liberty is robbing American youth of the substance of self-control, self-respect and good citizenship. Moral delinquents are produced and kept in crime by false social conditions, slackness of law-enforcement, and leniency for the habitual criminal. Divine Love is always one with Divine wisdom and justice. It extends mercy as a means to reformation and righteous living, but never for continuance in wrong-doing. Love suffers long and is kind. Love is patient and forbearing. Love gives and forgives. But Love is wise and will not tolerate injustice, or grant liberty that promotes lawlessness. When Christ Jesus is King of the earth, righteousness will prevail and Love will be law. But Love will impel and compel obedience to moral law as a necessity to human brotherhood and spiritual progress.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Christianity is failing from lack of spiritual leadership. Comparatively few church-members know the Lord, or try to win others to Him. The Church needs a School of Prophets, where Christian teachers and preachers can learn how to cooperate with Christ in experiencing His

gifts of grace, heart-purity, illumination and God-consciousness. Talent, education and organization cannot do the work of the Holy Ghost. If the Church is to thrive, it must improve the quality of its production; it must demonstrate the Truth and the Life revealed in Jesus Christ.

Come, you defenders of "the faith once committed to the saints"; if you are regenerate and Spirit-baptized, Christ IS your Life, your strength, purity, wisdom and righteousness. Of His fullness have you received. Cooperate with Him in *realizing* His fullness, and experiencing the Truth you believe. Prove the efficacy of His sacrificial death, and the fact of His resurrection Life, by reckoning dead the sin-self, and living in His Life and consciousness. Prove that His Blood cleanses from all sin, by daily experiencing its purifying, vitalizing, soul-healing flow. Prove His saving, keeping, ever-sufficient grace by demonstrating the manifestation of His heart-purity, perfect Love, sincerity, honesty, peace, joy and selflessness. Prove that you are a "new creation", filled with His Spirit, by consecrating all that you are and have to His service. Give Him expression in and through your personality; and many will come, saying: "we want to know Christ".

HEART-KNOWLEDGE

"God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him". Loving God with the whole heart and abiding in God's Love, is the means to spiritual knowledge. God con-

tacts the human spirit by the Holy Spirit. He teaches, inspires, condemns, encourages and counsels man in and through man's spiritual heart. These heart-impressions and experiences come to the plane of objective consciousness; but spiritual knowledge is never perceived, primarily, by the intellect.

God is so beneficent, so wise and sympathetic; that He helps all who love and serve Him, no matter what their belief or form of worship. But the Son of God, by His incarnation, sacrificial death, and resurrection, became the Way into the spiritual Life and oneness with the Father. Christ is the Door to the spiritual Kingdom. Many paths approach this Door; but no soul enters the Kingdom but by accepting Christ Jesus as Saviour and Life-giver. This is not dogma, but spiritual biology. Life comes only from pre-existing life of its kind. Divine Life is given man in and through the Son of God, and in no other way.

God the Father is manifest in the Son. Jesus Christ is now transcendent with the Father. But He indwells Christians in the Holy Spirit, Who is constantly manifest in many, simultaneously. Think of a large circular room lined with thousands of tiny mirrors. In the center of the room is a light. Every mirror is filled with and reflects the light, as perfectly as though it were the only mirror in the room. Likewise, every regenerate soul may be filled with and reflect the Son of God as manifest in the Holy Spirit. This mirror illustration suggests pro-

jected influence only. Whereas, the truth is, that the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in each soul is that of a *person*, who counsels, admonishes, condemns, empowers, agrees with or opposes as He chooses.

LAW AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Moral and spiritual laws and forces proceed from every creative center of God. They are manifest throughout the universe, and are as fixed and unalterable as are the laws of physics and biology. If all books on Science were destroyed, not one physical law would be lost; the forces of nature would continue to behave as they always have. Likewise, if all statutes, ordinances and religions were destroyed, not one moral or spiritual law would be changed. When men realize that moral law is not something that has "evolved by human necessity", but is as constant in the spiritual universe as gravitation is in the natural, they will cease trying to violate law and escape the consequences. A man who would presume to jump from the top of a skyscraper and escape the effects of gravitation would be counted ready for an asylum. Yet such an act would be no more irrational than to violate a moral law and expect to escape the reactions from moral forces. No individual or nation can willfully wrong another without ultimately receiving the full measure of the injury. The same is true of beneficent efforts. Every unselfish activity produces its equivalent of good; because it is in harmony with, and serves, spiritual laws and forces.

As obedience to, and application of, physical laws and forces have produced great natural wealth and comfort; so obedience to spiritual laws, and the application of moral forces, would bring to mankind corresponding riches of mind and character, power and happiness.

The science of righteousness is as complete and unalterable as the science of mathematics. Christ's miracle of grace is neither an abrogation, nor a suspension, of natural law. Christ came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill, and make it possible for everyone who will receive Him and cooperate with Him to share His victory and righteousness. Wherefore, Christianity should be taught as a science of demonstrating Truth and Life, and as means of abiding in, and cooperating with Christ in living righteously and growing spiritually.

The spiritual universe is vibrant with Divine Love. God's beneficence is as universal and available as sunshine. Right adjustment to God makes possible receiving for every need. Unbelief, selfish motives, disobedience and unwillingness to forgive and do for others, by closing the heart to the vibrations of Divine Love, cut one off from God's beneficence. The wise live in Divine Love, forgive freely, extend mercy and help to those in need, and receive in like measure.

CHRIST'S CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Christ's Church Triumphant is Christ Himself indwelling and expressing His nature in and through the members of His Body. He is tri-

umphant over self-hood and selfishness; over littleness, bigotry, pride and egotism; over denominational prejudice, strife and intolerance; for He substitutes His nature, virtues and gifts, for these. His manifestation within overcomes all things that hinder Christian unity and liberty. Christ is greater than all His teaching and ideals; greater than all revealed about Him in Scripture; greater than the promises and prophecies; for He is the fulfillment of these.

Christ's Church Triumphant has no room for ecclesiastical dictation or politicalship. The Master's saying: "If any would be great among you, let him be the servant of all," is the rule of conduct and way of attainment. Egotism is always a sign of separation from Christ. Selfishness reveals lack of consecration, and lack of understanding of spiritual law. Impurity makes illumination, and union and communion with God, impossible. Christ within is the humility, the wisdom, the purity and the righteousness, of the members of His Body. Apart from Him, none are wise in spirit, pure in heart, or selfless in personality.

To enter Christ's Church Triumphant, it is not necessary to give up denominational connections; but give up self-seeking and denominational prejudices, and fulfill the conditions necessary for vital oneness with Christ and co-operation with the Holy Spirit. To substitute Christ's Church Triumphant for denominational Christianity, it is not necessary to do away with present church organizations, but to take off

the separating labels, make union with Christ the test of membership, and giving Christ expression in Love, righteous living, charity and Christian service the means and proof of progress.

SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Man, created a spirit-being, was normally conscious of self as a spirit-being. When man fell, consciousness became submerged in physical sensations, desires, and awareness of physical nature. This state still obtains. But regenerate persons should awaken to spiritual consciousness and through the ministry of the Holy Spirit come to realize that the true self is not flesh and bone, brain and nerve, sensation, desire and physical awareness; but spirit, with all faculties of mind and character manifest in that which is super-physical.

Spirit-man should have dominion over the creature. Christ within restores this dominion. They that are in the fleshly consciousness cannot please God; cannot experience the freedom that belongs to children of God; cannot live the victorious Life, or walk in the Light and fellowship of Christ. Any system of religious teaching or practice that does not serve the Spirit in delivering believers from habitually physicalized consciousness, cannot produce a spiritualized people.*

* Heart-purity is necessary to permanency of spiritual consciousness. Sex-life is creative. Perverted, it creates evil. Creative power is normally manifest on three planes; spiritual, mental and physical. It vital-

An ancient religion taught that spirit-man never fell, only the sense-man. Whereas, the truth is, that only a spirit-being, with self-determining, free moral agency, *can fall*. Angels,

izes spirit, soul and body. Sex-emotion is creative power seeking expression. It is transmutable into other forms of life-energy. So transmuted, it energizes brain and body cells, increasing and prolonging mental and physical vigor. Expressed on the spiritual plane in love and devotion to God, it serves the Holy Spirit in producing and sustaining illumination and God-consciousness. The highest physical, mental, moral and spiritual attainment is possible only when creative power is all transmuted and expressed in body, mind and character.

Inchastity depletes vitality, shortens life, lowers brain-power, produces spiritual blindness, unbelief and infidelity. It causes jealousy, deceit, envy, hate, revenge, and other morbid emotions and aspirations. Making marriage a license for habitual inchastity is a violation of both natural and spiritual law. It physicalizes and sensualizes affections that should be pure and holy. It disqualifies parents for giving a good inheritance to children. It debases fatherhood, enslaves motherhood, and endows children with abnormal desires, defective wills, and subnormal minds and bodies.

Natural and spiritual laws cannot be set aside by human desires or customs. Concession to sensuality, sanctioned by law, and by social and religious customs, has made it impossible for Christianity to produce a spiritualized people. It has perpetuated separation between Christ and His followers. Blessed are they who, in these days of His preparation, spiritualize their affections with Divine Love; that they may be filled with Light, and help others into the Light and liberty assured to the members of Christ's Kingdom.—For the Holy Spirit's teaching on this subject, read, "The New Man", listed with the Riddell Books.

who have no creaturely natures, fell and became devils. Unregenerate man is not in the image of God; but is the wreck wrought by sin. No system of ethical culture, suggestion, metaphysical or psychological practices, can endow unregenerate man with Divine Life, or restore the Divine image.

LOVE AND PROGRESS

Divine laws originate in Divine Love, and fulfill the behests of Love. The spiritual universe is keyed to Divine Love, and controlled by its vibrations. Sin put mankind out of harmony with the law of Love, and made selfish motives dominant. As one can have no true happiness, no Heaven within, until brought into harmony with God; so there can be no true peace, no Heaven on earth, until Divine Love becomes the ruling motive of mankind. The law of self-preservation has its justification and highest expression in the preservation and progress of the race.

An unselfish husband and wife, because of mutual love, find inspiration and happiness in doing for each other. As parents, they find joy in sacrificing for their children. Such is the law and the effect of Love. All who are truly happy work from Love. This is not sentiment, but the fulfillment of a spiritual law that is ever compensative to the worker. SELFISHNESS IS SPIRITUAL SUICIDE. Selfish impulses and self-indulgence cause millions to live in discontent, who might be happy and grow spiritually by using their wealth, talents and opportunity in helping those

in need, or some worthy enterprise. Whether one be rich or poor, educated or ignorant; living and doing for self makes impossible truest happiness, highest efficiency, largest usefulness and greatest achievement.

Christ within transforms human nature and makes Divine Love the dominant motive and working energy. This increases capacity, quality and quantity of production. Wherefore, in Christ's Kingdom there will be no want; no needless waste; no self-indulgence at the expense of others; no excess profits, greed or graft; for the supreme privilege of everyone will be to serve, and grow by doing. Out of this mutual helpfulness will come abundance, wholesome living, happiness and progress.

CHRIST IS PRESENT IN SPIRIT. He is coming in a more visible way later. Wherefore, let all Christian teachers, preachers and laymen forget their differences, rejoice in His presence, receive Him in Spirit and give Him expression in and through consecrated personalities. He will reveal His Love, wisdom and power. He will change the hearts and lives of all who receive His ministry. He will overcome evil with good, unite all real Christians with Himself in the Church Triumphant, and use it in establishing His Kingdom on earth.

THE CALL OF THE KING

Christ is calling for a united Church to serve Him in Christianizing those responsive to the revealed Plan of Salvation. Christ is making a final effort to spiritualize His own, and to save

all who will come unto Him before the beginning of the great tribulation, soon to come upon the world.

Every progressive Christian reaches a condition when duality must cease; that the soul may be free to be one with Christ in Life, motive and achievement. This crisis brings a death struggle between the old sin-self and the new regenerate self; armageddon is fought; the sin-self is vanquished; Christ is enthroned; and the soul enters into the peace and joy of its victorious Lord.

As in the individual, so shall it be with mankind, in establishing Christ's reign on the earth. For nineteen hundred years, the Spirit of Christ has been overcoming evil with good. Christian ideals have gradually become realities. A world-condition has been created that cannot endure injustice, human slavery and class tyranny. Antichrist, the age-long enemy of Christ, realizing the progress of the Christ-Spirit in mankind, is intensifying infidelity, social unrest, class hatred, organized greed, national and international distrust and bitterness. He is creating a spirit of war to defend his age-long reign in the hearts of men, and in the policies of nations. He knows his time is short. He will fight to the death before surrendering to Christ's rule.

Christ's forces are not united. They lack vision and understanding. They are hoping for peace by compromise with evil. No soul ever found peace that way; and the soul of humanity will not. Reformers and evolutionists are ex-

pecting the world to grow better and evolve into a Christian state of universal brotherhood. No soul ever evolved out of the old sin-self into the regenerate, in-Christed state; neither can humanity. Peacemakers and legalists, by the operation of peace-pacts and international treaties may retard the coming crisis, just as when a man tries to make peace with his soul by obeying moral laws. But no soul ever found peace in this way; and the peace of the world cannot be maintained by any agreement, while existing motives determine the policies of men and of nations.

Humanity is facing a titanic struggle. Armageddon is drawing nigh. Antichrist will use existing evils of his own making as an excuse for war. False claims will be made that will deceive the masses. By appealing to individual, racial and national interests, brothers will be pitted against brothers, and Christians against Christians. Antichrist, working through his servants, is inciting mankind to lust, greed, graft, distrust and pleasure seeking, thereby deadening humane and religious tendencies. Evil forces are smouldering, which will burst forth and envelop humanity in a poison gas of hatred and fear of being overpowered by possible enemies. While the murderous forces of antichrist are preparing to slaughter the innocent and the unprotected, well-meaning pacifists throughout the world will be crying, "Peace! Peace! Peace at any price!"

Christ is calling for a Christian preparedness to serve Him in this crisis; calling for a united,

militant church that ignores nationality, race, sect and creed, *to be one in purpose and achievement*; calling for the consecration and mobilization of wealth, manhood, courts, educational institutions, legislative bodies and governments, for the aggressive extension of vital Christian experience, for the maintenance of Christian ideals; calling for all who believe in love, truth and righteousness to cooperate with Him and the hosts of Heaven, to the end that the works of evil shall be destroyed, antichrist vanquished, war cease forever, and a righteous peace be established, WITH THE PRINCE OF PEACE AS KING.

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